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PROGRESS IN THE TWO KWANGS.

CALM OF CANTON.

No Perturbation at Li's Departure For the North.

KWANGSI AND GENERAL REHABILITATION.

[By "Li Chung-yin."]

Canton — and the Provinces of Kwangtung and Kwangsi — seems set for a period of prosperity. Whilst happenings in the North have naturally attracted general attention Canton has not been eclipsed as a centre of interest. All that takes place in the Southern Capital is observed and noted by Hong Kong, so near in one sense yet that far away that a cool unbiased view may always be taken of what occurs elsewhere. Marshal Li Chai-sum has again gone to the North but no one is perturbed and there is a general opinion that he will return soon.

RESTORING PROVINCIAL FORTUNES.

There is a marked contrast which should be noted with abundant satisfaction. The first time Marshal Li left Canton, the extremists overturned his government. The second time brought forth a crop of rumours that he was not a free agent in Nanking and that he was "detained" by Marshal Chiang Kai-shek. This time the millions of people he rules are quietly confident.

A welcome revival in the Canton money market has followed the Kwangtung Government's initial, concrete plan to redeem the notes issued by the Central Bank. The political atmosphere of Kwangtung and Kwangsi is "quiet." Commercial radio and air-service possibilities are being investigated.

Only this week, according to the "Canton Gazette," a railway linking up Kwangtung and Kwangsi was mooted.

SIR CECIL CLEMENTI.

A few months ago, H.E. the Governor of Hong Kong (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.), who is now on leave, addressed the Canton Chinese Chamber of Commerce on railways, radio, air transport and domestic taxation. A section of opinion looked with suspicion on the proposal to construct the loop line joining the Canton-Hankow Railway (Kwangtung section) and the Canton-Kowloon Railway (Chinese section), the doubt expressed being that such a loop line would divert trade from Canton to Hong Kong. It is interesting to recall, in this connection, that Sir Cecil also mentioned a branch line from the Canton-Kowloon Railway to Whampoa as an essential part of the scheme.

TIME NOW RIPE.

Leaving the loop line out of calculations for the moment, the time is now ripe for action by the Two Kwang Governments, with the sympathy of the Nationalist Central Government, the support of the people and the co-operation of foreigners.

A factor which is most apparent is that all territory through which the Canton-Hankow Railway runs (completed or projected) is under the influence of the Kwangsi faction in the Nationalist Party.

The Kwangsi faction is showing a tendency to work very closely with the Nanking Government. General Pei Chung-hsi is already at Peking. General Li Tung-jen accompanied Chiang Kai-shek there. And Li Chai-sum is on his way to meet them all.

CANTON-HANKOW.

No objection ought to be forthcoming against completing the line between Hankow and Canton, the middle of which, in Hunan province, is in the "projected" stage. It is notorious that predictions in Chinese politics are unsafe but continuity of Government co-operation in the Two Kwang and the Two Hu provinces is reasonably assured for some considerable time. With one faction in control throughout, there is additional inducement in having a railway through the whole area.

Nobody will deny the usefulness to Canton of through traffic to Hankow. Whether there is a loop line or not, Hong Kong stands to benefit. Canton will have the military advantage in addition to increased trade.

KWANGSI PROGRESS.

In a quiet way, Kwangsi province has made excellent progress during the last twelve months. It has been free from internal strife. Spirited action has cleared most of the trade highways of robbers. Road-building is being undertaken generously.

The only outlet is through Wuchow and down the West River. Admittedly, efficient steamship services connect Wuchow with Canton and Hong Kong. But a network of railways in Kwangsi and in the western portion of Kwangtung will open up new zones which are now accessible only by way of roads or small rivers.

West of Samshui, there is no railway for that large tract in Kwangtung which forms part of the West River basin. That this territory and adjacent parts of Kwangsi are naturally rich is vouched for by reliable sources.

REHABILITATION.

Now that the civil war is supposed to be over, China enters upon the second phase of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen's programme, namely, rehabilitation. In many ways, Kwangsi is the furthest advanced of any province in China in carrying out rehabilitation work. What with the Ironsides' coup, the Red rebellion, attendant disorder and a financial crisis, Kwangtung did not begin as soon as Kwangsi to reorganise. Being in the South, these two provinces were the first to be free from the ravages of war brought on by the expedition to Peking. With the sound administration of the Kwangsi faction, it is anticipated that a good deal can be done for material advancement.

As at Shanghai, the merchants will soon be asking for a voice in money matters since they constitute the class which pays. On this point, it is worth while to remind the authorities of Sir Cecil Clementi's remarks on taxation.

LESS TAXATION.

Much produce comes down to Hong Kong from Kwangsi, the province which (as pointed out) is making the biggest strides. Complaints, however, are still being made of confusing and heavy taxation of legitimate trade.

The same can be said of manufactured goods shipped up to Wuchow for distribution in Kwangsi.

General Wong Shu-hung, the governor of Kwangsi and close colleague of Marshal Li Chai-sum, has shown himself to be very shrewd in restoring the fortunes of his territory. Much as he does toward encouraging road-building — on which motor-coaches are now plying to remote townships in several directions — it has to be borne in mind that further enterprise is only possible if the people have the money. Now that a railway down into Kwangtung is being talked about, the Kwangsi Government will have to take to heart seriously the enticement of taxation in the interest of commercial development.

THE NEW SINGLES CHAMPION.

RENE LACOSTE.

BEATS COCHET THE HOLDER IN FOUR SETS.

MORE AMERICAN LOSES.

Rene Lacoste, of France, is the new singles tennis champion, beating his compatriot, Cochet, the holder, at Wimbledon yesterday 6-1, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Mrs. Watson with Miss Saunders and Misses Harvey and Bennett have to contest the women's doubles final, Hunter and Helen Wills lost in the mixed doubles semi-final.

Wimbledon, Yesterday.

Cochet was outclassed in the first set but in the second played some hard places which Lacoste did not attempt to reach.

The latter double-faulted in the tenth, Cochet winning the set after a lucky net-corder.

In the third Lacoste led 3-1. Then Cochet began to attack his opponent's forehand and levelled to 4-4 after a keen struggle. Lacoste took the next two for set.

Cochet had a bad patch of downward hitting in the fourth set and repeatedly found the net. Lacoste led 4-0, winning the match at the eighth game. — Reuter.

MEN'S SINGLES.

Final.

Lacoste (France) beat Cochet (France), the holder 6-1, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES.

Mrs. Watson and Miss Saunders beat Mrs. Lycett and Miss Ryan 6-3, 6-4.

Misses Harvey and Bennett (Britain) beat Misses Boyd and Akhurst (Australia) 6-8, 6-3, 6-2.

MIXED DOUBLES.

Semi-Final.

Spence and Miss Ryan beat Hunter and Miss Helen Wills 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Crawford and Miss Akhurst beat Moon and Mrs. O'Hara Wood 6-3, 7-5.

— Reuter.

THE "JERVIS BAY."

CAPTAIN DANIEL SAYS "GREATLY EXAGGERATED."

PASSENGERS' VIEWS.

Suez, Yesterday.

The "Jervis Bay" has arrived here. Capt. Daniel, interviewed by Reuter, said the whole affair had been greatly exaggerated. All was well aboard since leaving Colombo and there had been no further incident.

He explained that the ship was delayed an hour at Colombo merely because two firemen were absent without leave.

He declared that he appealed for a warship because the liner was full, and there was no place for the detention of eight stowaways. Consequently there was nervousness among the passengers.

Capt. Daniel was mystified at the "Slavol's" message that she was unable to locate the "Jervis Bay." He said the latter picked up the "Slavol" very easily.

The passengers are likewise astonished at the "exaggerated reports" and applaud Capt. Daniel's handling of the situation.

400 passengers signed a round robin attesting the crew's loyalty. — Reuter.

H.M.S. "DAUNTLESS."

STORES, GUNS, TORPEDOES, ETC. BEING REMOVED.

SALVAGE QUESTION.

London, Yesterday.

An Admiralty communiqué states that all stores, guns, torpedoes and movable fittings of H.M.S. "Dauntless" are being removed and the question of salvaging the vessel is being considered. — Reuter.

MORE WICKETS FOR FREEMAN.

TAKES 15 FOR 224.

'VARSITIES' FORM ON EVE OF ANNUAL MATCH.

CANTABS WIN: OKON LOSE.

"Tich" Freeman, Kent's goosy bowler, is still taking wickets galore. In his latest match, against Leicester, his bag was 15 at a total cost of 224 runs. Kent secured first innings' points but were not in too comfortable a position at the end, needing 82 runs with only 4 wickets to fall. Leicester were dismissed cheaply the first time but saved the game by their second innings. Shipman's contribution of 226 (out of 432 for Leicester's 2nd innings) was the biggest individual score in the first-class.

TEASERS.

"China Mail" Original Feature.

The attention of readers is drawn to the fact that replies to "Teasers" will be found on page seven in future. Instead of page nine, thus obviating the necessity of turning the leaves of the paper to check the answers. This change has been made in response to numerous requests.

"Teasers" was the first feature of its kind to appear in Hong Kong journalism and was commenced some while ago when the stereotyped method of reproducing "questions and answers" from London newspapers was discarded by this paper after a very short and unsatisfactory trial.

All "Teasers," including those of general as well as those of local interest, are compiled in the office of the "China Mail."

matches which concluded at Home yesterday.

County Championship.

As possible indication to the annual 'Varsity match which begins at Lord's on Monday, it is to be noted that Cambridge beat the M.C.C. and Oxford went down to Leveson-Gower's XI. R. W. V. Robins took 6 wickets and scored 103 for the Light Blues.

Sussex, Notts and Northants won their matches in the county championship. In addition to Kent, Surrey and Hampshire took first innings' points. Kent re-

MURDER CHARGE.

Alleged Act on High Sea.

On a charge of murder on the high seas, a Chinese youth appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning. He is alleged to have murdered the chief cook, a Chinese, on board the s.s. "Perak," bound from Shanghai to Balikpapan, while the steamer was nearing the coast of Manila.

Mr. Lindsell granted a formal remand for a week, on the application of the police.

It appears that the s.s. "Perak," a British vessel employed on the Far East run between Shanghai and Java, left Shanghai about a month ago for Balikpapan, in Dutch Borneo. While a few miles out of Manila, the defendant is alleged to have seriously wounded the chief cook who, on arrival at Manila, was admitted in hospital, and died later.

The defendant was placed under close guard and on arrival in the Colony was taken in police custody.

main at the top of the table. Details follow:

Kent v. Leicester.

At Tonbridge, Kent obtained a lead on the first innings from Leicestershire. Scores: —

Leicester 107 runs (Freeman, A. P. 8 for 64) and 432 runs (Shipman 226; Freeman, A. P. 7 for 160).

Kent 288 runs (Woolley, F. E. 160; Skellding 5 for 74) and 169 runs for 6 wickets.

Notts v. Glamorgan. At Nottingham, Notts defeat-

BRITISH VESSEL PIRATED.

HEAVILY FIRED ON.

MENTION OF 'GUNBOAT' SCARES OFF RAIDERS.

INCIDENTS NEAR CANTON.

Samshui, To-day.

The Asiatic Petroleum Co.'s lighter "Paak Wan Shaan," which flies the British flag, has been attacked by pirates near Kat Lee, where she was heavily fired on.

No cargo was removed from the vessel, only the personal effects of the crew and what money they had.

The pirates made off when they were given a hint by the crew that a British gunboat was following behind.

The "Paak Wan Shaan" arrived at Samshui at about midnight last night, the attack having taken place yesterday afternoon. — British Naval Wireless.

[Note: Kat Lee is a notorious pirate lair, on the short route between Canton and the Treaty port of Samshui, on the West River. The A.P.C. have no information but it is understood that word was received by the Canton office that of the White Cloud Mountains at Canton) was in trouble. Steps were taken by the British Navy but, as far as is known, the lighter was not being escorted by a gunboat. Other British vessels have had brushes during the last few months with pirates at Kat Lee.]

ed Glamorgan by an innings and 7 runs. Scores: —

Glamorgan 240 runs and 209 runs (Larwood 5 for 69, Richmond 5 for 46).

Notts 456 runs for 7 wickets, dec. (Barratt 110 not out, Whysall 107).

Gloucester v. Sussex. At Bristol, Gloucester lost to Sussex by an innings and 65 runs. Scores: —

Gloucester 136 runs and 160 runs.

Sussex 361 runs for 9 wickets, dec. (Cook 100 not out).

Northants v. Warwick. At Kettering, Northamptonshire defeated Warwickshire by nine wickets. Scores: —

Warwick 229 runs and 154 runs.

Northants 292 runs (Howell 5 for 76) and 93 runs for 1 wicket.

Surrey v. Somerset. At the Oval, Surrey led Somerset on the first innings. Scores: —

Somerset 317 runs and 258 runs 8 wickets.

Surrey 364 runs for 7 wickets, dec. (Ducat 121).

Essex v. Hampshire. At Leyton, Essex lost first innings' points to Hampshire. Scores: —

Hants 456 runs (Mead 156).

Essex 224 runs (Boyes 5 for 44) and, following on, 325 runs for 8 wickets. (Nichols 112).

Lancashire v. Worcester. At Manchester, Lancashire drew with Worcestershire. No decision on the first innings was reached, rain interrupting. This match will not count in the championship. Scores: —

Lancs. 328 runs (Hopwood 136 not out).

Worcester 142 runs for 4 wickets.

M.C.C. v. Cantabs. At Lord's, the M.C.C. lost to Cambridge University by eight wickets. Scores: —

M.C.C. 226 runs and 221 runs (Robins 6 for 61).

Cambridge 354 runs (Robins 103, Killick 101) and 96 runs for 2 wickets.

Oxford Defeated. At Eastbourne, Mr. H. D. G. Leveson-Gower's XI defeated Oxford University by eight wickets. Scores: —

Oxford 191 runs and 389 runs (Kingsley 144).

Mr. Leveson-Gower's XI 461 runs (N. Haig 111, Howell 101) and 123 runs for 2 wickets.

Yorkshire v. West Indies. At Leeds, Yorkshire defeated the West Indies by 190 runs. Scores: —

Yorks 284 runs and 172 runs for 1 wicket, dec.

West Indies 209 runs and 53 runs (Macaulay 6 for 80). — Reuter.

IS THAT SO?

Thoughts Terse, Perverse—and Worse.

BY THE MAIL MEN.

On the water—the Silent Service. On the waterworks—the Inevitable Service.

"Ethyl Fumes."... She shouldn't.

Heading: "Hides 'imported' from China."... What about the Sikhs exported to China?

A writer, discussing the dullness of modern hostesses, says that "our grandmothers could make a party go."... And the modern hostess can make her guests go.

In spite of the oppressing weather, several new rugger scrum formations were tried out this week—at Powell's removal sale.

Needless to say, the ladies won.

A man charged with burglary said he ran away because a parrot called. He had no use for beaks.

Many residents went up to Police Headquarters to renew their licences this week—in the hope of getting motorily.

Suggestion: Local police on traffic duty are to wear white coats.... To arrest attention?

If people who "cannot sing for nuts" sing for dollars... there's something wrong somewhere.

Peter he says the two-page set of pictures in the "Punch" Summer Number dated May 21, 1928, "Placing the field for a troublesome fellow" may usefully be applied to Mr. Wong Tsui-ngau of Taiipo.

Says Mr. Crook in some plant notes—"These are both climbers and fairly common".... Pout! — Peakites!

The U. S. has declined a large consignment of Russian gold... Europe may like to get her teeth into it since American mouths are full.

There is no truth in the rumour that several Nationalist Generals were present incognito at Powell's sale this week to study the latest methods in mass formation—a bargain counter.

"Earthquake in Siberia."... Trotsky has been quick!

A local magistrate has ruled that noisy night work may continue until 9 p.m.... Yet the bars are open till midnight.

The ex-Maharajah of Indore invited 50,000 guests to his wedding.... We doubt if, in these circumstances, it could have been an Indore affair.

Much engine-uity was displayed in the salvage of the British s.s. "Kochow."

A Mr. H. Thompson, who is 86, says he has been ringing bells since he was 12.... Our hotel is not as bad as that.

The inmates of the Anopheles Maternity Home had a severe jolt last Wednesday when two coolies carrying a bag of cement stopped outside the main entrance. The coolies however proceeded on their way and left the inmates to get on with their "lambing" which is now in full swing.

The "Stanley" was out at Taiipo last week-end again but took no chances. At night she anchored as far off shore as possible.

The Immaculate Immersion... a probability pending publication.

We notice a complaint about motorists.... We agree they could sometimes show a better spirit.

The Football Association struck an even balance in its annual report—a bumper crop of goals against Hong Kong in the Shanghai Inter-

port, and a bumper gate in the Sunday Herald cup competition.

Reuter reported this week that the Royal Assent had been given to the Flapper Vote.... The beginning of further miss-government?

Our stylists: "Singers warble on and, unless we recognise the air, we may be left in total ignorance as to her theme."

A Chinese got four weeks' hard labour a few days ago for stealing a gold watch and jacket from No. 13, Macdonnell-road.... The No. must have been unlucky for him.

Headlines: Old Age. Pensions Debate: Bill Welcomed.... Presumably Old Bill.

Local market fruiterers report a glut of liches this season.... That crop that must be Eton.

"Marriage is a Profession."... Mr. N. Peck says he'd call it a job of work.

Hong Kong addition to the 11th Commandant—Break it and get away with it.

"Thousands Lost on Cheese."... Why not put up notices to guide the poor little mites?

Peter he says he can understand shipping men not wanting to be called officers when an uncertificated Chinese navigates the vessel whilst the mate takes soundings.

Because her father had befriended him as a boy, a diamond mine owner has left a woman his whole fortune.... The best of all memory systems.

Comments have been invited upon the activities of the Breezy Bachelor Amelioration Association.... All we can say is:—"O. K.!"

"Underground Finance."... Hidden treasure?

The Aberdeen Dam.... Damned?

An air route across the equator has been arranged.... A hot air route.

Films dealing with lubrication were shown at the Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders last night.... Well, well.

Hath the clever lost their cunning?

Some one has presented the Anopheles Maternity Home with a couple of sea plane floats which were turned into a bathing raft for the inmates. If some one will present them with an Aeroplane engine and a fuselage, flights will be added as an attraction at the next New Territories Agricultural Show.

A notice on the road where the road feeling section of the P.W.D. are at work two miles past Castle Peak reads:—"Heavy Road under repair".... They must have weighed some of it before starting work.

"Motorist kills horses and bolts."... Surely the poor bolts had done him no harm?

A song might be written to boost the Horticultural Society's next Flower Show, it has been suggested.... The chrys-anthem-um?

"New Chilian Bank."... But our bank is quite chilly enough when the overdraft is mentioned.

Peter, he doesn't take much stock of that story of a girl who was refused a job because she was too good-looking. Obviously, she did not apply to a beauty specialist for one.

Detective plays are so popular now that there will even be a sleuth in a new musical comedy. His job will be to trace the plot.

This week's Wellerism:—"Just rubbing along," as the masseuse said when they asked her how she was doing.

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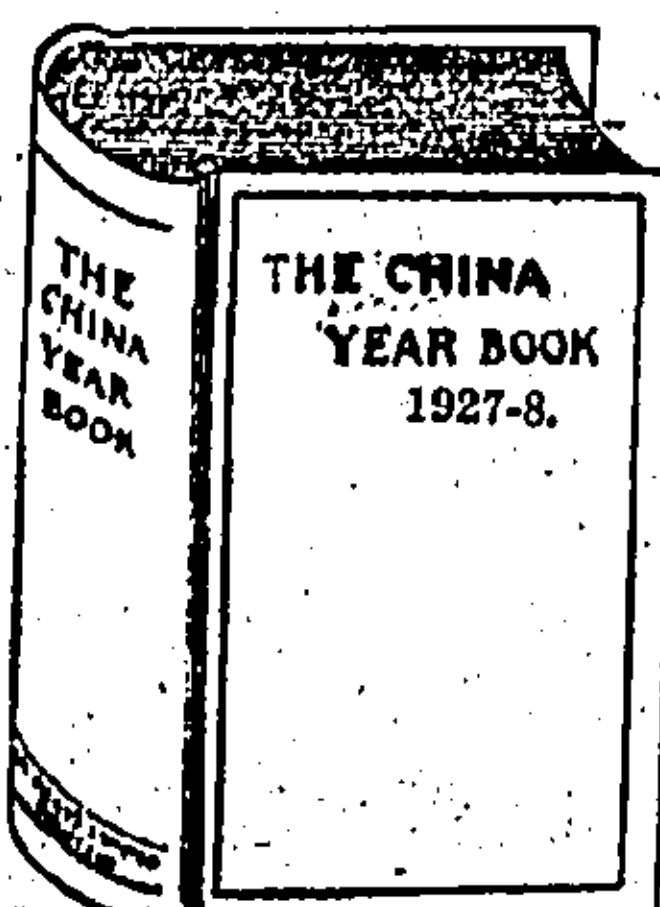
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Articles of luxury are as good as unknown in Russia. They are not sold in the shops, and no one is particularly interested in them. Indeed, there can be no such interest when the supply of essential articles for everyday consumption is thoroughly bad and irregular. This is one of the circumstances that cause us never-ending annoyance. When we go to a shop to buy something we rarely get it at once, and the experience of years teaches us that we can obtain warm woollen clothing (needed for the bitterly cold Russian winter) only in the spring, that we can obtain light summer clothes only in the autumn, and snow shoes only in summer. It is only the "chastniki," the private dealers, who can supply us with what we want and when we want it. No conclusion is therefore possible except

ginning to forget what ordinary cloth looks like. From time to time some of these rare treasures would appear for sale at a certain time of the day, but the chastniki, being in league with the shopkeepers, were always on the spot. Ordinary citizens had no chance at all, unless by pure luck they happened to be in the shop buying something else when the treasures arrived.

Throughout the past winter the queues before the food and provision stores and shops were like those of the worst famine years. At first it was vegetable fats that were lacking. Then soap grew scarce, and is not easy to get even now. The shortage of butter has been even worse. Since January no butter, whether fresh or salted, has been obtainable (the authorities consoling the workmen in the factories by informing them that the butter had been sent to the metal-workers on strike in Germany). For a time there was no flour. Some things are unobtainable, other things are merely scarce, but there is nothing of which you can get more than half of what you want. In the shops you have the eternal

A really sound scheme for irrigating cottonfields in Turkestan was drafted by complete engineers. But it was converted into an utterly Utopian and impracticable plan. It was submitted to Moscow (passing up from one authoritative body to another) and millions of roubles were advanced. These millions were simply squandered, largely by managers who never dreamt of carrying out the projects for which they received the money. And all this was spread over years.

The Dnieper affair is to come before the courts very soon. The details are not published. It is only clear that millions were squandered before even the plans were ripe.

Another typical case is that of our two largest glass factories. Both manufactured bottles worth about forty copecks each so inefficiently that the State suffered a loss of thirty-three copecks on each bottle. This reminds me of another instance of wastefulness. The State drug stores used to take back empty bottles, but now they refused. And even if a bottle is brought to be refilled they refuse and give you your medicine in a new bottle.

Of the machinery brought from the Germans under the 300,000,000-mark industrial credit scheme only a fraction has been used. In the textile industry, for example, German spare parts were imported and found to be useless because the plant was of English manufacture.

SWINDLING MADE EASY.

Every Soviet citizen knows that only a small fraction of the "graft" going on in Russia is revealed through the Press. One can never tell who has a hand in it and who has not. There are the old factory-owners and employers who now occupy honoured posts in all economic administrative centres, then there are the new and undefined "specialists," and there are the downright rogues and swindlers who fly the red flag. And then there are many Communists who fought heroically on countless battlefields in the civil war and who now enjoy the forbidden fruits of bourgeois culture and "bourgeois comfort." Indeed, it is these "commissars" who, in accordance with Communist party discipline, are sent from one State trust to another and are expected to possess technical knowledge and to lead the "Socialist reconstruction," even in its technical aspects—it is precisely these who are the cover under which swindlers of all kinds can do their business so easily.

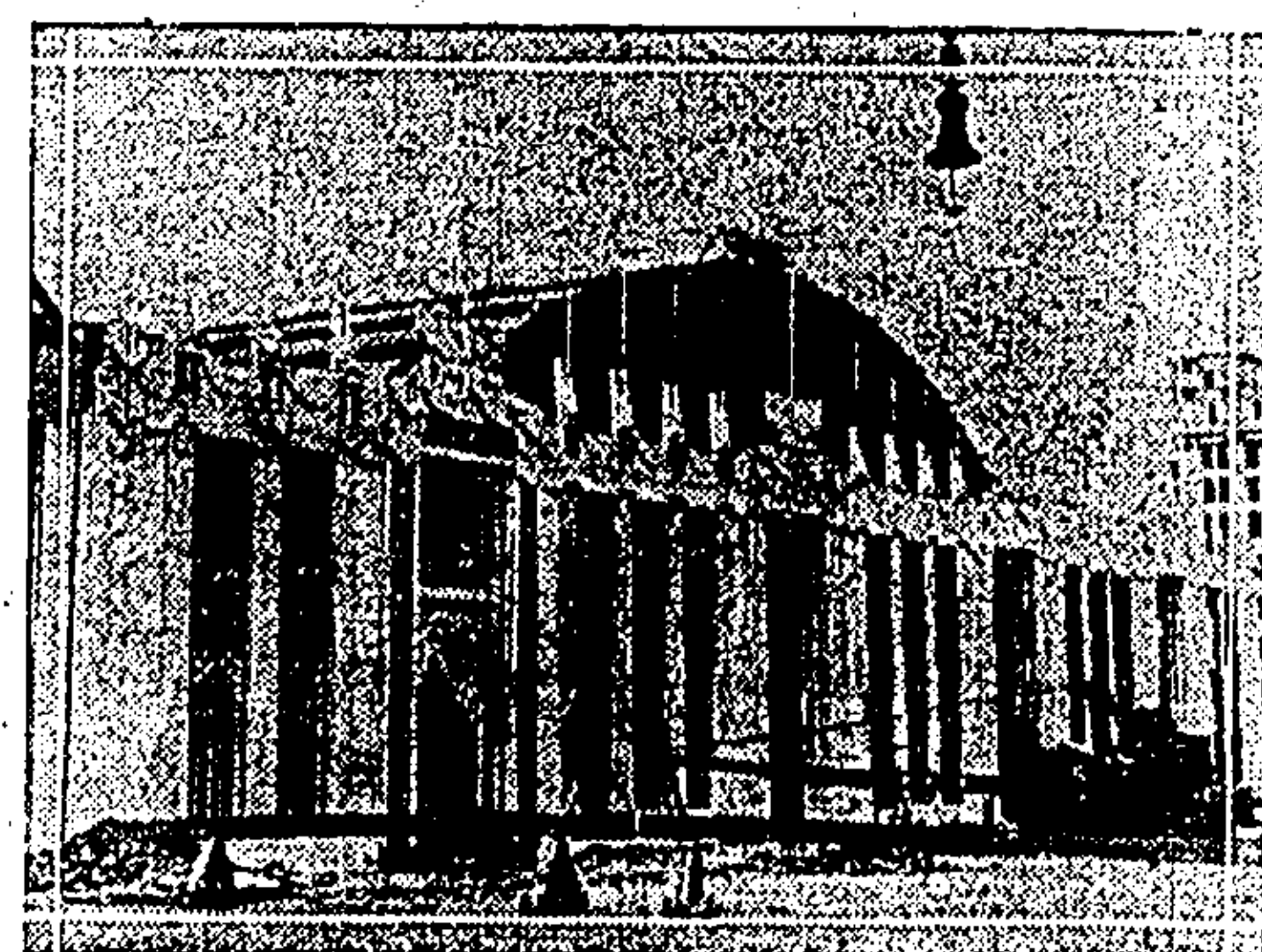
There is starvation in some of the villages. What small surplus of grain and agricultural produce there may be brings in very little. The peasants are often compelled to let their land at a ridiculous price. Sometimes they have no alternative except to abandon it with their home and to emigrate to the big towns, which are overcrowded enough already, and where there is vast unemployment. The sale of land is forbidden and severely punished if detected. Nevertheless, it goes on in secret. The agricultural policy of the Russian Government is being undermined not so much by the kulaks, or wealthier peasants, but by the poorest of the poor under pressure of terrible economic distress.

THE WELL-TO-DO PEASANTS.

In the more fertile areas, where the peasants are really well off, they have one aim—to do business with the town. During the last two months attempts were made to compel them to sell their grain. In actual practice there has been little difference between the "broad distribution" of these months and the measures taken while "war communism" still prevailed, when villages were cordoned off, when patrols of troops were sent out, and when local peasant risings were followed by arrests and executions. The peasants always replied in the same manner—the area under seed was reduced. It is difficult to imagine that the peasants will not be victorious in this struggle.

"Little by little the whole population is resorting to sabotage," so an eminent Russian economic remarked some time ago. The Government know of only one counter-measure—ruthless terror. The prisons are overcrowded with "private dealers" with "grain speculators," and with "specialists."

The general economic distress is made more dangerous by the ever-growing decrepitude of plant and machinery and the impossibility of renovation or replacement. In a number of textile factories the depreciation of machinery owing to wear and tear amounts to 70 or 75 per cent. There was a recent inspection of boiler works at Leningrad, and it was found that three-fourths of the boilers were already useless. What little is done to replace worn-out machinery is confined mainly to those factories that produce war material. —"Mail."



A view of the front entrance to the huge convention hall at Houston, Texas, where the Democratic National Convention was held.

that the administrative apparatus is defective. We visit the private shops to buy tools, pots and pans, dairy produce, and, indeed, all the things we weary of vainly asking for in the Government stores and co-operatives. But we have to pay more for them—sometimes as much as 25 per cent, or even 50 per cent, over the market (except illicitly). It is only obtainable by means of a "labour credit"—that is to say, on credit against a voucher stamped by the factory or by showing a co-operative membership card.

SHOPPING DIFFICULTIES.

The past winter was particularly trying. Clothes and industrial products were almost unobtainable. With the new year the supply of industrial products (such as it was) began to be directed into the villages, and since then the townspeople can get less than ever. People in England could hardly imagine what it is like. For example, suppose I want to buy half a dozen handkerchiefs, one bed sheet, some linen, and a dozen buttons. I may have to visit one shop, after another and stand in queues for hours, and then consider myself lucky if I got half the things needed. But should you have extravagant ideas and dream of buying a nail-brush, a mirror, a teaspoon, or an enamelled teapot, you will be unusually fortunate if you get anything at all. Throughout the whole winter it was impossible to get a single arshin (about a yard) of flannel, and we were be-

answer. "We haven't any today," or "None has come in," or "We've run out," and if you try to make closer inquiries as to why you cannot get what you want you will get no answer other than abuse.

MILLIONS SQUANDERED.

Production is no better than distribution. The excuses for failure and incompetence are like the dreams of a lunatic. Last autumn it was the "war danger." Now it is "the counter-revolutionary plot in the Don basin." In my opinion the authorities could just as well have constructed a "plot" out of the Turkish irrigations affairs or out of a dozen affairs that have come or are about to come before the courts. It may be that in one affair more of the former employers or present employers (whether Russian or foreign) are involved than in another, but judging by what is published in the Russian papers, they are all more or less alike and are all typical of our "Socialist reconstruction."



Corinth, Greece.—The beautiful ruins of the Spring of Pnyx, where, according to Grecian mythology, Bellerophon caught the winged horse, Pegasus. This site and practically all of the ancient and historic ruins are now in utter ruins due to the devastating earthquakes which have killed 30 persons and have left 1,500 homeless in Corinth.

HOUSING APPEAL.

\$30,000 WANTED FOR WESTMINSTER.

L. C. C. TERMS.

An appeal is being made for \$30,000 to acquire land in Pufford-street, near Grosvenor-road, as a housing site for Westminster. The land is owned by the L.C.C., and the Duke of Westminster has generously offered to give half an acre of frontage to complete the site, if it is acquired to give homes for the working classes.

In a letter to Lady Walston, who is chairman of the Pufford-street Site Committee, the Prime Minister expresses his sympathy with the appeal, and says: "Having lived in Westminster for many years, I gladly support the proposal, which has as its object the provision of additional dwellings for those workers in Westminster who are obliged to live close to their work. I sincerely hope that a sufficient sum will be raised to enable full advantage to be taken of this exceptional opportunity to make a definite step forward towards the alleviation of overcrowding and the evils which arise from it."

The signatories to the letter are: The Duchess of Atholl, Viscountess Chelmsford, Mr. J. C. Davidson, M.P., Lady Emmott, Sir Thomas Inskip, the Dowager Duchess of Somerset, the Duke of Sutherland, Mr. Charles Trevelyan, M.P., and Lady Walston.

1ST MARCONIGRAM

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF LORD KELVIN'S MESSAGE.

The first paid Marconigram was transmitted on June 3, thirty years ago. The message was sent by Lord Kelvin, who at that time, with Lady Kelvin and Lord Tennyson, was visiting Senator Marconi's experimental wireless station at the Needles, Isle of Wight.

In order to show his appreciation of the work Senator Marconi had accomplished and to illustrate his belief in its commercial future, Lord Kelvin insisted upon paying one shilling each for wireless telegrams he sent to Sir George Stokes, at Cambridge; to Lord Rayleigh and Mr. W. H. Preece, in London; and to Dr. McLean, his chief assistant in the Physical Laboratory of the University of Glasgow. The message to Sir George Stokes was as follows:—

Stokes, Lensfield Cottage, Cambridge.—This is sent, commercially paid, at Alum Bay for transmission through ether. One shilling to Bournemouth and thence by postal telegraph fifteen pence, to Cambridge.—Kelvin.

Lord Tennyson also sent a message to his nephew, at Eton, in which he said:—

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HEALTHY AT 100.

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Mr. Joseph Moore, who lives in Hillsboro-road, East Dulwich, has celebrated his one hundredth birthday.

Mr. Moore is not a teetotaler or a non-smoker. He went to work at nine, and continued until well over seventy. He attributes his long life to moderation and keeping body and mind active.

He has vivid recollections of the funeral of the Duke of Wellington, the Crimean War, the Indian Mutiny, and the Great Exhibition of 1851.

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July	a.m.	p.m.
7	5.44	7.11
8	5.44	7.11
9	5.45	7.11
10	5.45	7.11
11	5.46	7.11
12	5.46	7.11
13	5.47	7.11
14	5.47	7.11
15	5.48	7.11
16	5.48	7.10
17	5.48	7.10
18	5.49	7.10
19	5.49	7.10
20	5.50	7.09
21	5.50	7.08
22	5.50	7.08
23	5.51	7.08
24	5.51	7.07
25	5.51	7.07
26	5.52	7.06
27	5.53	7.06
28	5.53	7.05
29	5.53	7.05
30	5.53	7.05



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BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.
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Colombo, Suez and Port Said. Tuesday, 10th July.
ALTAI MARU ... Tuesday, 10th July.
RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore,
Colombo, Durban & Cape Town. Friday, 10th August.
MONTEVIDEO MARU ... Friday, 10th August.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore & Colombo. Friday, 6th July.
INDUS MARU ... Friday, 6th July.
BORNEO MARU ... Friday, 20th July.
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND
MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo. Sunday, 8th July.
PANAMA MARU ... Sunday, 8th July.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon. Wednesday, 25th July.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Shanghai and
Japan ports. Saturday, 7th July.
MELBOURNE—Via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney. Saturday, 7th July.
BURMA MARU ... Saturday, 7th July.
BANGKOK—Via Saigon. Saturday, 7th July.
HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOI. Saturday, 7th July.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama. Middle of July.
HAMBURG MARU ... Middle of July.
JAPAN PORTS.
BATAVIA MARU ... Saturday, 7th July.
AMAZON MARU ... Wednesday, 11th July.
SUMATRA MARU ... Friday, 15th July.
KEELUNG—Via SWATOW & AMOY. Sunday, 8th July noon.
KISHU MARU ... Sunday, 15th July noon.
HOZAN MARU ... Sunday, 15th July noon.
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DELI MARU ... Sunday, 8th July.
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SHIPPING SECTION.

NORWEGIAN ORDERS.

After protracted negotiations, it is stated that the firm of Fearnley and Eger have placed a contract with the Akers Mek Verksted of Oslo for the construction of a Diesel-engined cargo ship of about 7,800 deadweight tons. The conclusion of the contract has been rendered possible by considerable concessions being made on both sides. In the case of the shipyard the taking of this step is hoped to be justified by the experience to be gained and the possible future reduction in cost of construction, with the result that the yard will become fully competitive with foreign yards on later occasions. The ship will be equipped with engines of 4,000 indicated horse-power, and will be the largest ever built in Norway.

The firm of Chr. Gundersen and Company is reported to have entered into a charter-party with the American Fruit Co. for a period of five years with an option for a further three years at 12,000 dollars per month for a sister-ship to the firm's special ship "Gundersen". The new vessel will be built at Gotaverken, Gothenburg, at a price which is said to be appreciably less than that which was paid for the motorship "Gundersen". She will have a capacity of 114,000 cubic feet, and be delivered in 1929. The "Gundersen" was the first motorship constructed for the American fruit service, and she has been in operation about a year, the results being so satisfactory that it has been decided to provide a second vessel.

A second Oslo firm, who are engaged in the West Indian fruit trade for the American company mentioned, have ordered a similar ship from Gotaverken, namely Messrs. L. Harboe, Jensen and Co. the cargo capacity in each case being 2,400 tons. The ships will have a speed of one knot higher than that of the "Gundersen," and attain 15 knots.

U.S. NAVAL RESERVE.

The Neptune Association of New York, which in the United States Merchant Service is equivalent to our Mercantile Marine Service Association and Imperial Merchant Service Guild together, has turned its attention to the provision of adequate reserves for the United States Navy, and it is probable that this subject will keep it busily employed for many years to come. The provision of a Naval Reserve in peace-time is one of the biggest problems that the United States naval authorities have to face. There is no lack of volunteers the moment war breaks out, but these have no training, and it is the aim and object of innumerable Americans to found a Naval Reserve on British lines. These efforts have been going on for years, and various tempting baits have been held out to persuade American merchant seamen to join, but still the numbers are very small. However, they are very much better than they used to be, for at one period the United States Naval Reserve numbered only four men.

NAVIGATION BY CAMERA.

Photography will play an unusually important part in a South Polar flight to be undertaken shortly by Commander Byrd. Two special automatic cameras are being constructed, one to take pictures of the sun as an aid to navigation, and the other to record each mile of the flight. The first camera will automatically develop and deliver strips of film while the flight is in progress. These photographs, Commander Byrd expects, will be of great assistance in navigating the aeroplane. The second camera, attached to the bottom of the plane, will automatically follow the path to the Pole, and will be able to record from a height of 5,000 feet a strip of the Polar plateau eight miles in width.

An order has been placed on the North-East Coast for a tanker of moderate size, to be built by Sir James Laing and Sons. The engines, which will be of the twin-screw type, will be supplied by Messrs. George Clark, Ltd.

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MARINE INSURANCE SUCCESS.

Amongst all the gloomy pictures recently presented in the marine insurance world it was highly inspiring to hear the excellent report presented by Captain C. C. Craig, O.B.E., R.N., at the annual meeting of the World Auxiliary Insurance Corporation, Ltd. This is one of the few companies which have shown a really successful marine department during the past year, and the underwriter (Mr. George Sharman) deserves all the bouquets he received.

The cold facts about the marine account are as follows: The premiums for the year amount to \$181,368—about \$30,000 more than last year—which, with the marine fund of \$179,725 brought forward from last year, gives a total of \$361,093. The claims paid in respect of 1926 and previous years amount to \$38,294. Though 1928 is generally accepted as a bad year, the company does not anticipate making any loss. The claims paid for 1927 are \$50,804, or 28 per cent. of the 1927 premium. This is against 39 per cent. as shown in the corresponding period for 1928, leaving, after paying expenses and transferring \$15,000 to profit and loss, a balance in the marine fund of \$197,459 to be brought forward.

THE PRINCE AND TAKORADI.

The opening of the new harbour of Takoradi by Mr. J. H. Thomas is a subject in which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has manifested very considerable interest. The locality is one with which he became familiar during his recent tour in Africa, and he does not readily forget his experiences, even though they crowd so thickly upon each other. Mr. Thomas, who was received by the Prince at St. James's Palace, afterwards told the Press that they had a general talk about his African experiences, the Prince being particularly interested in the trip, because it included ground which he had himself covered.

THE ST. LAWRENCE.

Montreal.—Mr. Taschereau, Premier of Quebec, summarising in a public address, his position on the question of the joint development of the St. Lawrence waterways by the United States and Canada, said: "I don't believe in joint ventures, and I don't believe that the United States should be permitted to have any control of our great waterways. We have the St. Lawrence River, and that river must remain Canadian. As long as I am head of the Government of the Province of Quebec I shall maintain that view. We should develop ourselves and our own natural resources."—Reuter.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The E. & A. s.s. "Arafura" left Manila for this port on July 5 p.m. with the outward Australian Mails, and is due here to-morrow morning.
The E.I. s.s. "Talma" left Singapore for this port on July 4 p.m., and is due here on Monday morning.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benrinnes" from Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London and Straits left Singapore for this port on July 5, and is due to arrive here on July 11.

The s.s. "Tricolor" sailed from New York on June 6 and is due in Manila on July 19.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "City of Pekin" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after July 11. Consignees of Cargo ex M.V. "Speybank" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after July 12.

Reports by vessels arriving from the West River are to the effect that the s.s. "Kochow" has now been moved a considerable distance inshore and is no longer an obstruction to the fair-way. Lighters in attendance are engaged in removing the cargo. H.M.S. "Seamew" remains as a protection against piracy. It is anticipated that the s.s. "Kochow" will arrive in the harbour shortly.

The "London Gazette" states that the Secretary for India has appointed the following officers to superintend the transfer of lascars or other persons under the Merchant Shipping Act: Mr. Charles Irvine and Mr. Robert Oakley, deputy superintendents, Mercantile Marine Office, Liverpool. The fee to be paid for every lascar or other person is limited to 3s. and is not to exceed 2s. for one crew.

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With the completion of the troping work of the British India liner "Nevasa," Captain C. J. Swanson, R.N.R. (Ret.), has brought to a close a long and honourable sea career. He started as an apprentice in the sailing ship "Afghan Chief" in 1885, and he confessed that one of the honours of his early life was when, at the age of eighteen, he became bo'sun of that vessel. He recalled that the "Afghan Chief" was lost in a hurricane in the Caribbean Sea on the voyage after he left her.

Captain Swanson commenced his association with the British India Line in 1890, when he joined the "Lalpoora," running between Calcutta and Mauritius, as fourth mate. He served in several of the company's ships before he received his first command in the "Chupra," coasting between Calcutta and Bombay, in March, 1903. In all he has commanded no fewer than twenty-five ships of the line.

In War Time.

In the early days of the war, Captain Swanson, commanded the "Torilla," which was conveying troops in the East, and his ship was present at the fighting in the Persian Gulf, which terminated in the capture of Basra. In 1915 he took over the command of the new vessel "Mandala" on service between London and Bombay with passengers and mails, and sometimes troops. Fourteen attempts were made by enemy submarines in the Mediterranean to torpedo the ship.

He took charge of the British India liner "Nevasa" in June, 1922, when she was a passenger ship. In 1925 she became an Admiralty transport, and since that time Captain Swanson has conveyed at least 40,000 troops to and from the East. Since the "Nevasa" has been trooping she has travelled 158,681 miles, and her mileage for the present season amounts to 50,049.

Captain Swanson joined the Royal Naval Reserve in August, 1898, as a sub-lieutenant, and retired with the rank of lieutenant-commander in 1908.

Captain Swanson has enjoyed the popularity and affection of all those with whom he has been associated, and the ship's company presented him with a fitted suitcase in expression of their good wishes. The presentation was made by the senior officer, the chief engineer, Mr. J. G. Jarvie, in the presence of the ship's company on the "Nevasa."

After seeing a demonstration of the use of the mechanical killer in the Glasgow abattoirs the delegates attending the annual conference of the Northern Market Authorities Association passed a resolution expressing approval of the method of slaughter.

The Woodside Ferry passenger stage, which has been partially closed for about three months, was re-opened, when for the first time the gangways at the south portion of the stage were used for the arrival and departure of passengers.

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EMPERESS OF CANADA	Aug. 8	Aug. 11	Aug. 14	Aug. 16	Aug. 25
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Aug. 29	Sept. 1	Sept. 4	Sept. 6	Sept. 15
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Sept. 12	Sept. 15	Sept. 18	Sept. 20	Sept. 29
EMPERESS OF CANADA	Oct. 3	Oct. 6	Oct. 9	Oct. 11	Oct. 20
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Oct. 24	Oct. 27	Oct. 30	Nov. 1	Nov. 10
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Nov. 7	Nov. 10	Nov. 13	Nov. 15	Nov. 24
EMPERESS OF CANADA	Nov. 28	Dec. 1	Dec. 4	Dec. 6	Dec. 15
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Dec. 12	Dec. 15	Dec. 18	Dec. 20	Dec. 29
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Jan. 16	Jan. 19	Jan. 22	Jan. 24	Feb. 2
EMPERESS OF CANADA	Feb. 6	Feb. 9	Feb. 12	Feb. 14	Feb. 23

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July 31	Aug. 2	Aug. 3	Aug. 5

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TAKIWA	7,936	23rd July	Amoy, Maji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
ALIPORE	5,273	23rd July	Kobe.
KALYAN	9,144	3rd Aug.	Shanghai, Maji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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MONTAUK TERMINAL PROJECT
OPPOSED.

JAMAICA BAY.

The Board of Engineers of the War Department is opposed to the proposed construction of a steamship terminal at Fresh Pond Bay, Montauk Point, L.I., under existing conditions, states New advice. This opposition is set forth in a report based on investigation of the project.

A copy of the report was sent to the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. This body has been pushing the development of Jamaica Bay in preference to Fresh Pond Bay, and the Government has not only approved that development, but has contributed its quota toward the cost of it. The board, however, leaves the door open for reconsideration of the case if any new proposition is brought forward with plans for financing it.

In its report the board indicates that it does not favour the Fresh Pond Bay project firstly, because of the uncertainty of the development of the port and bay as a deep-water harbour; secondly, it is not impressed with the relatively small amount of water-borne commerce now carried on there, thirdly, because of the large expenditure necessary for the construction of a breakwater either for a deep water port or a harbour for small water craft, and the fact that no definite offer of local co-operation in the cost of the improvement has been forthcoming.

THREAT TO NEW YORK.

As a result of the report the Jamaica Bay Committee of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce said:—"Meanwhile, the increasing congestion in the pier facilities of New York threatens to retard the further development of the port of New York as the shipping centre of the nation."

Mr. Chairman Albert B. Hager, of the committee, said, that in view of the report of the board of engineers of the War Department it was more urgent than ever to press forward the development work of Jamaica Bay.

"Jamaica Bay is a natural harbour, requiring only the more rapid carrying forward of the plans for its development," said Mr. Hager. "To make it the world's largest seaport, with every facility for the loading and unloading of freight, and the convenient transfer of passengers." The work of dredging and other preliminary work has gone forward enough, he stated, "to encourage those who look to this project permanently to safeguard the prestige of the port of New York."

The Fresh Pond Bay terminal project has been under investigation by officials of the Cunard, French, North German Lloyd and Italian lines. Officials of these lines have visited the locality as guests of the Long Island Railroad Co., and have made careful surveys with a view to determining the advantages to be derived from using the port for the embarkation and landing of passengers.

It was conceded by all of the lines that it would be desirable to retain their New York terminals, and that Montauk Point was not likely to be more than a port of call for the benefit of passengers wishing to shorten the overseas journey by making part of the journey to and from New York by fast special trains over the Long Island Railroad.

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H.K. JUNK FOUNDERS ON WAY TO CANTON.

A report has been made in Canton of the sinking of a big cargo junk whilst on the way to Canton from Hong Kong, off Chek Wan Bay, some days ago, when a heavy storm was encountered.

The mast of the junk snapped and the superstructure of the vessel sustained considerable damage. The junk was soon in a sinking condition, so the tow-boat took off the crew of 22 men.

The junk had a cargo of marine goods, leather, coconut and lumber, totalling some 6,000 piculs, and valued at over \$20,000. It is not known whether any of the cargo was insured, but the whole load was lost.

According to a Sydney message, the motion proposed in the Federal House of Representatives by Mr. Scullin, the new leader of the Federal Labour Party, censuring the Government for its action in selling the Commonwealth Steamship Line to the White Star Line for \$1,900,000 was defeated by 30 votes to 21.

The Netherland Iron and Steel works at Muiden have been closed on account of a strike of dock labourers, who are acting under a Communist leader, with whom the directors refuse to confer.

PILOTS CONFER.

FORMATION OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION.

ON THE CONTINENT.

A conference of national pilot organisations has been held in Amsterdam under the chairmanship of M. Fr. Mas, chairman of the Federation Nationale des Syndicats Pilotes of France, eight countries being represented by 25 delegates from Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Belgium, Holland, France and Germany, comprising 4,036 members.

A resolution was brought forward that, having regard to safety of life at sea, pilotage should be made compulsory both on entering and leaving harbours. The conference adopted this resolution in principle, but with the implied reservation that the taking of a pilot on board should not be forced upon any ship or ship's officer. The obligation should be considered as a combined safety and matter of order question for shipping and an economic one for the pilotage service.



Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover, the candidate for the Republican party for President, in an especially posed photograph on the porch of his home in Washington, D.C. This photograph is the latest taken of the Republican candidate.

vice, rendering its effective existence possible. Compulsory pilotage in the strictest sense of the word was not regarded as desirable from the point of view of the pilot, having regard specially to the German legal regulations in the matter.

A second resolution proposed that the same pilot should not act both as sea and harbour pilot, but this failed to get the adhesion of the two representatives from Sweden, the only Danish delegate and the only Finnish delegate.

A further resolution received unanimous support, this declaring that an international pilot organisation was more necessary now than at any time. It was pointed out that an information bureau must first be established to represent common interests, and the national organisations are requested to send to the secretary of the International Association of Marine Officers (A. I. O. M.), Antwerp, complete answers to a series of questions concerning the conditions of pilots in the different countries. A draft scheme of the statutes of the organisation prepared by the French and Dutch delegates was approved, and a provisional council was formed, with president and secretary. It was decided to hold the next conference in Antwerp as soon as the replies have been received respecting the remuneration and conditions of pilots in the various countries.

Among other matters discussed was that relating to the command of the helm. In this connection a resolution was unanimously adopted demanding that the terms starboard and port should be made international in direct significance.

The naval construction works of Messrs. W. Beardmore and Co., Ltd., Dalmuir, have just received an order for the construction of a tug boat per Messrs. Esplan and Sons, of Liverpool, for the Compania Habanera de Vapores y Lanchas Havana, Cuba. The dimensions of the tug are 84ft. h.p. by 20ft. 6in. by 10ft. 9in., and the propelling machinery will be manufactured and installed by the company's Coalbridge works.

The rivet heading boys on strike at Cammell Laird's, shipyard, decided to return to work pending negotiations for increased extra pay.

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All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Under-signed on or before 18th July, 1928, or they will not be recognised.

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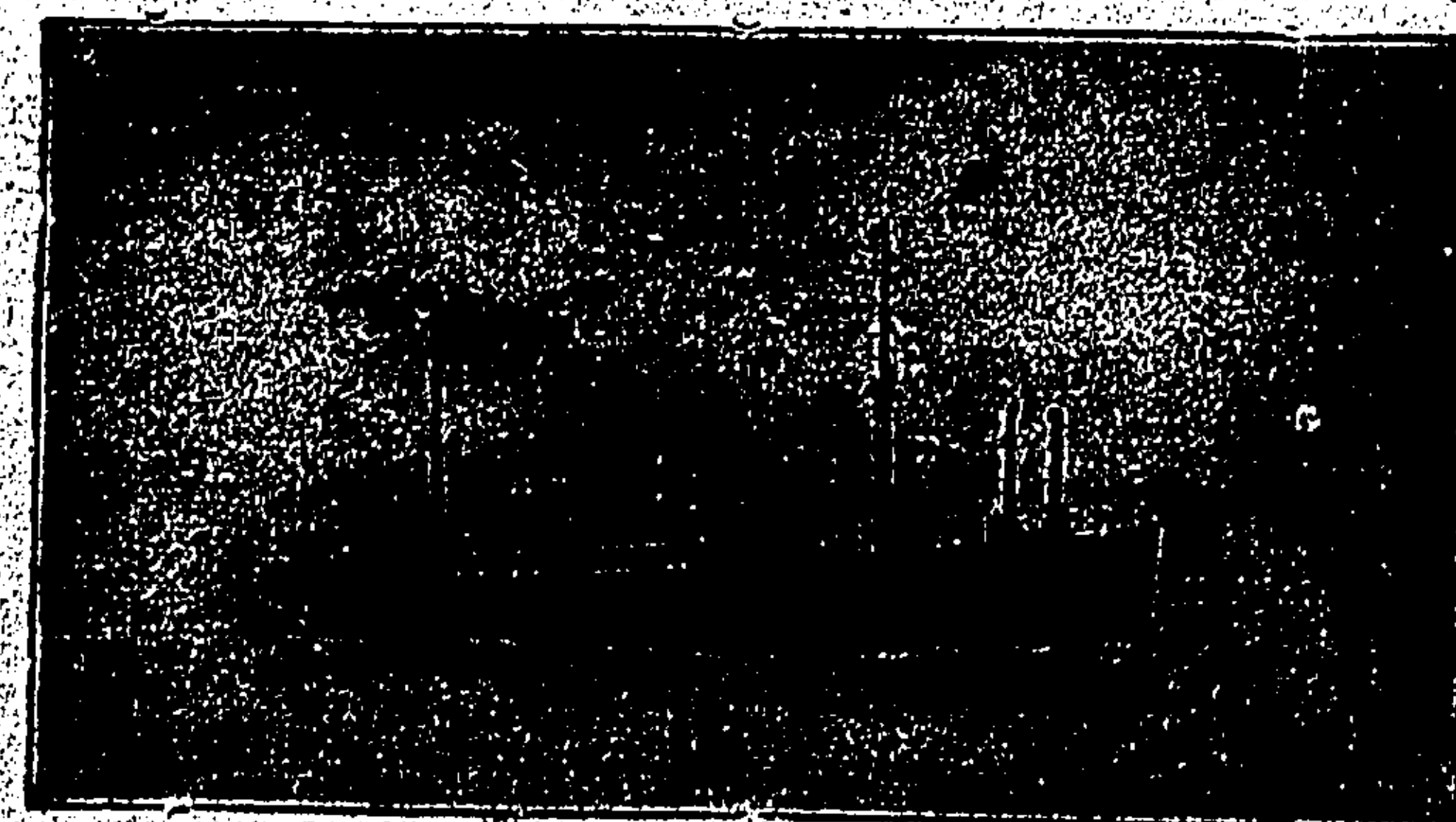
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ABILEY.—On June 30, at Victoria
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Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Abiley, a son,
Jacques Emmanuel.
HOLLAND.—On July 2, at the Vi-
ctoria Nursing Home, Shanghai,
to Mr. and Mrs. C. Holland, a
son.
TOLLEFSEN.—On July 2, to Cap-
tain and Mrs. A. T. Tollefson,
at the Victoria Nursing Home,
a daughter.
DEATHS.
GREINER.—Suddenly, at 60 Rue
Moliere, Shanghai, on July 2,
Wilhelm Greiner, aged 19
years.
MEARS.—On June 30, in Shanghai,
Mary Loxton Mears, aged 54.
Hong Kong, Saturday, July 7, 1928.

H.C.—His Column.
I take off my hat to
Hats Off to Scotland. Before me
Scotland is one of the most
amazing examples of
what sheer pertinacity can do. It is
contained in a letter from Mr. D. A.
Goodwin, who is living at 3, Mont-
gomerie-street, Ardrossan. The
gentleman is a subscriber to the
Overland China Mail and in writing
in a friendly spirit remarks that
it is really wonderful he was able
to receive a particular issue of the
Overland. He encloses the wrapper
which was sent from this office to
verify his views. I agree. It was
wonderful, for the wrapper is ad-
dressed as follows:—"D. A.
Goodwin, Esq., 3, Montgomerie-
street, Scotland." I do not know
how many Montgomerie-streets
there are in Scotland, but I am will-
ing to wager there are a few hun-
dred. How's that for Post Office
efficiency?
You will not come
"Sadden Bars" across many people
who have spent a
quarter of a century or so out East
talking about "sadden bars and

Yacht Club, Copenhagen, Denmark,
with a plan which is more intrigu-
ing than it is, I fear, practicable.
His idea is that a law
should be enacted and pro-
mulgated providing that when
a nation becomes involved in
armed conflict with another nation
there shall be enlisted as simple
soldiers or sailors the cream of
that nation's big bugs, including the
head of the State, if male, whether
president or monarch. The afore-
said big bugs have in their number
all male blood-relatives of the head
of the State having attained the age
of fifteen years; all civilians and
officials attached to the household
of the head of the State; the
Prime Minister and other
Secretaries of State; all Bishops
and Prelates, and so on. As
for the womenfolk of the above
notabilities they will, under this
scheme, be enlisted as simple
nurses or servants.

Then, when all the
"For Peace." powerful people have
trudged off to war
as privates or nurses the "Secret-
ary of State for Peace" takes the
reins of office while Cabinet and
other influential posts will be filled
by general election. Having gone
thus far, the promoter is of the
opinion that war will become extin-
guished, and he follows up the
above plan with another among
the wholesale reduction of the na-
tion's armed forces. The pro-
ject, on the face of it, has its good
points; if ever it became a uni-
versal law war would certainly stop.
It also has its questionable points,
some not so apparent as others.

Writes a matric. Stu-
dent in the Yellow
does it. Dragon, the snappy
little publication put
out by Queen's College: "The man-
drill is the largest of the baboon
family and is at once distinguished
by its funny cheek with bright and
variegated colours like a clown's
face, which with the short upright
tail, at once defines and separates
it from all other animals." That
short upright tail appears to be the
mandrill's *tour de force*, its infal-
lible means of vindication for, with-
out it, how easy it would be to libel
the animal.

Letting Himself
Go. one person in the
world who can let
himself go with
impunity is an English judge. A
man cited as co-respondent in a di-
vorce suit before Mr. Justice Hill
was told he was "obviously a black-
guard," while the respondent was
described as a "woman of easy vir-
tue, and obviously a woman of very
low character, and a liar." The
case in question must have been a
particularly "blue" one, what?

Despite what I said
last week, I see that
Concerts. local vocalists are to
grace the promenade
concerts with their presence and
their voices. Well, well, I hope it
keeps fine for them. According to
the posters the sum of one dollar is
to be charged at least at the first
concert. What is this for, please?
The military band, I suppose, fol-
lowing the custom in other places,
will not charge for its services, or
if it does, will only ask a nominal
amount, and I have heard of no
special seating arrangements that
are going to cost a lot of money.
Perhaps, however, the dollar is for
the privilege of hearing the local
vocalists. Well, well, as I have
said, I hope it keeps fine for them.

The *China Mail* is
"Excited" Police not alone in speak-
ing its mind when
matters concerning the Government
crop up. I see there is a letter in
a Singapore paper, signed "Busi-
ness Man," commenting upon the
"silly" way the "police got excited
when the senior member of the civil
service comes down from Govern-
ment House to Singapore." The
writer was referring to Sir Hugh
Clifford and the occasion was the
opening of the splendid new Post
Office building. "Yesterday," goes
on the "Business Man," "he
came down to open one of the worst
buildings in Asia, and the populace
was put to the greatest inconveni-
ence the police could manage, by
removing the car park and general-
ly disorganising life in the region of
the Hong Kong and Shanghai
Bank."

Our Indignant "Busi-
ness Man" does not
stop at this, strong
meat as it is. "I sug-
gest," he adds, "that in future
these playful habits of the police
be curbed or these functions be con-
fined to times either before 8 a.m.
or after 5 p.m." That's the stuff to
give 'em! I wager the "Business
Man" felt ever so much better after
getting this off his chest. I repro-
duce parts of this letter for two rea-
sons. One is to show you that you
are doing nothing very clever or
original in writing to the papers
expressing your mind, and the other
is to emphasise the difference be-
tween conditions here and in Singa-
pore. In Hong Kong the opening
by the Governor of a new public
building is in many respects a so-
cial event, and a great part of the
business community consider them-
selves duty-bound to attend. Per-
haps that is because, unfortunately,
we do not have so much business
to see to as they have in Singapore.

Our learned judges
Moral If Not at Home, however, do
Legal. not limit their judi-
cial activities to "slanging" litig-
ants, for I have come across a case
in which an ex-employee of Lipton's
sued the firm in connection with a
pension. Lipton's denied they were
legally bound to continue the pen-
sion but agreed to pay a smaller one
and waive the question of costs.
Mr. Justice MacCardie, who sat on
the case, said that most probably if
he had given judgment it would
have been for the firm, but he con-
sidered this was pre-eminently a
case for the defendants (Lipton's)
to make a moderate offer. Here we
have an instance in which legal
principles cease where moral prin-
ciples begin.

So the Rev. O. E.
The Swearing Hayden, the Glou-
Parson. cestershire parson,
has been inhibited
by his Bishop for "using bad
language on several occasions dur-
ing the past seven years."—Other
charges, all more serious, were at
first brought against him but were
subsequently dropped. Mr. Hayden,
I understand, was at Warwick
School, where he distinguished
himself at football. A local jour-
nalist friend who knew him at Bris-
tol also speaks of the padre's sport-
ing activities and says he was quite
a good fellow. I suppose he is.
After all, what are a few "cuss"
words over a period of seven years?
Hayden, it appears, used to allow a
naughty word to escape him when
he made a bad stroke at tennis. I
know a parson who, in Hong Kong,
at least once said "damn" when
playing cricket. But do you think
I would tell his Bishop he said
"damn"? Not on your life!

London, too, has its
"Femina in 'Femina' but the
London. metropolitan specimen
is—if a woman—a
really spiteful cat compared with
her sister-hoaxist in Hong Kong.
One day in mail week all the news-
papers were served with an agency
report concerning a member of the
London County Council who was al-
leged to have been fined £100 for
illegal election practices. The re-
port was all eyewash, and the next
day the news agency, one of the
most reliable in England, had to
broadcast an explanation to the
effect that the "news" was received
over the telephone from someone
who gave the name and address of
a well-known local journalist.
Malice was obviously the motive.
Which shows you how careful news-
papers have to be, doesn't it?

CORRESPONDENCE.
BANVARD PLAYS.
(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir,—You will probably be in-
terested to learn that I have just
received telegraphic confirmation
that I have secured the sole rights
for the Far East for the following
shows to be produced by my Eng-
lish Comedy Company—"Thark"
"Rookery Nook," "Cuckoo in the
Nest," "Edgar Wallace's great show"
"The Ring," "The Terror," "The
Joker," "Number Seventeen" and
"Two White Arms."
This repertoire needs little com-
ment as it will no doubt appeal to
you as being the very best that
could be secured in London at the
present time.
Particulars of the New Musical
Comedy Coy. and its repertoire I
will let you have when more de-
finite news is available.
Yours, etc.,
WALLY BANVARD.
Hong Kong, July 7, 1928.

Mr. Chee Chin-hai, of the G.C.H.,
has been added to the register of
medical practitioners.
A man was injured on the leg
by a bull at the slaughter house
yesterday.
Two women were each fined \$10
by Major C. Willson this morning,
for putting 12 chickens in a small
crate.
The Tinsuen Co., Ltd. will be
struck off the register in three
months unless cause is shown to
the contrary.
From January 1, 1929 the an-
nual telephone rate will be \$117,
the increase of \$9 having been
approved by Government.
Chief Inspector Walter Kent has
been appointed Assistant Superin-
tendent of Police, with effect from
March 27, 1928.
Under instructions from the
Secretary of State for the Colonies
a bill is to be introduced amending
the civil service pension regula-
tions.
The master of the bicycle shop,
at No. 50, Nanchang-street, Shan-
shui, reported to the police that
2 men, who hired a bicycle valued
at \$56, had not returned with it.
An Indian school boy, named
Abdul Karim, living at No. 58,
Kennedy-road, was bitten by a dog
belonging to the St. Francis School.
The victim was removed to hospital.
Captain Robert Francis Wright,
Royal Artillery, has been appointed
to act as Aide-de-Camp, with effect
from July 3, 1928, to H. E. the
Officer Administering the Govern-
ment.
A bill amending the Companies
Ordinance so as to reduce the an-
nual China private companies fee
from four cents to one cent per
\$100 of paid up capital will be
introduced shortly.
The Banque Franco-Chinoise
states that the Chinese Maritime
Customs, having effected the first
payment for the half year 1928 on
the Boxer Indemnity, the coupons
N° 7 of the 5 per cent. Gold Loan
1925 will be redeemable on the 15th
instant through the Bank's agencies.
Powerful lights have been fitted
on the Observatory Radio-mast, by
means of which the 9 p.m. time
signal will be repeated at 10 a.m.
and 4 p.m., Hong Kong Standard
Time, while the Time Ball is out of
action. The lights may be observed
with field glasses or small tele-
scopes.
On the ground that the evidence
for the prosecution was not suf-
ficient for him to rule that a *prima
facie* case had been made out,
Major C. Willson, O.B.E., discharged
Mau Yat-chun, accused of
several charges of fraud, from the
Lee Kee Company, alleged to have
been committed in 1923. Mr. H. G.
Sheldon, instructed by Messrs. Russ
and Co., appeared for the defence.
Sir Frederick Whyte, who has
been the guest of Colonel Young
of the Kailan Mining Administra-
tion for some time, left Tientsin
recently for Peking for a short
stay. He proposed leaving the
capital last Saturday for Man-
churia. After a brief visit in
Manchuria he was to go to Japan,
returning to Tientsin and Peking
in the early autumn.
Two soldiers were executed at
Woosung last Saturday by order of
the Gendarmier Commissioner, the
charge against them being de-
sertion. It appears that six
soldiers stationed at the Iron
Factory, Woosung, left and took
their rifles with them. When
challenged near Locton the de-
serters opened fire to resist capture,
but two of them were arrested.

TEASERS.
**Answer The "China
Mail" Questions.**
TO-DAY'S POSERS.
From day to day a series of half
dozen questions, not tremendously
difficult to answer but not always
so simply solved as may be thought,
appear on this page. Those, as in
the past, are compiled by the
"China Mail" staff and include from
time to time questions of local
interest. Answers are given on
page eleven.
1. What is Bonga?
2. Who was the first command-
ant of the Hong Kong Volunteers?
3. Who was the first man to in-
troduce nickel as an alloy in the
U.S. coinage?
4. Who was the Chief Justice
in Hong Kong in 1866?
5. Who inaugurated the Boy
Scout Movement?
6. Who was the first Colonial
Treasurer?

PICTURES OF LOCAL INTEREST



PROPOSED ABERDEEN DAM.—Reservoir looking from North to South.



THE PROPOSED ABERDEEN DAM.—ABOUT WHICH GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS REFUSE TO GIVE THE "CHINA MAIL" ANY INFORMATION (SEE LEADERETTE, "OUR PUBLIC SERVANTS," IN YESTERDAY'S ISSUE)—BED OF RESERVOIR, LOOKING UPSTREAM.



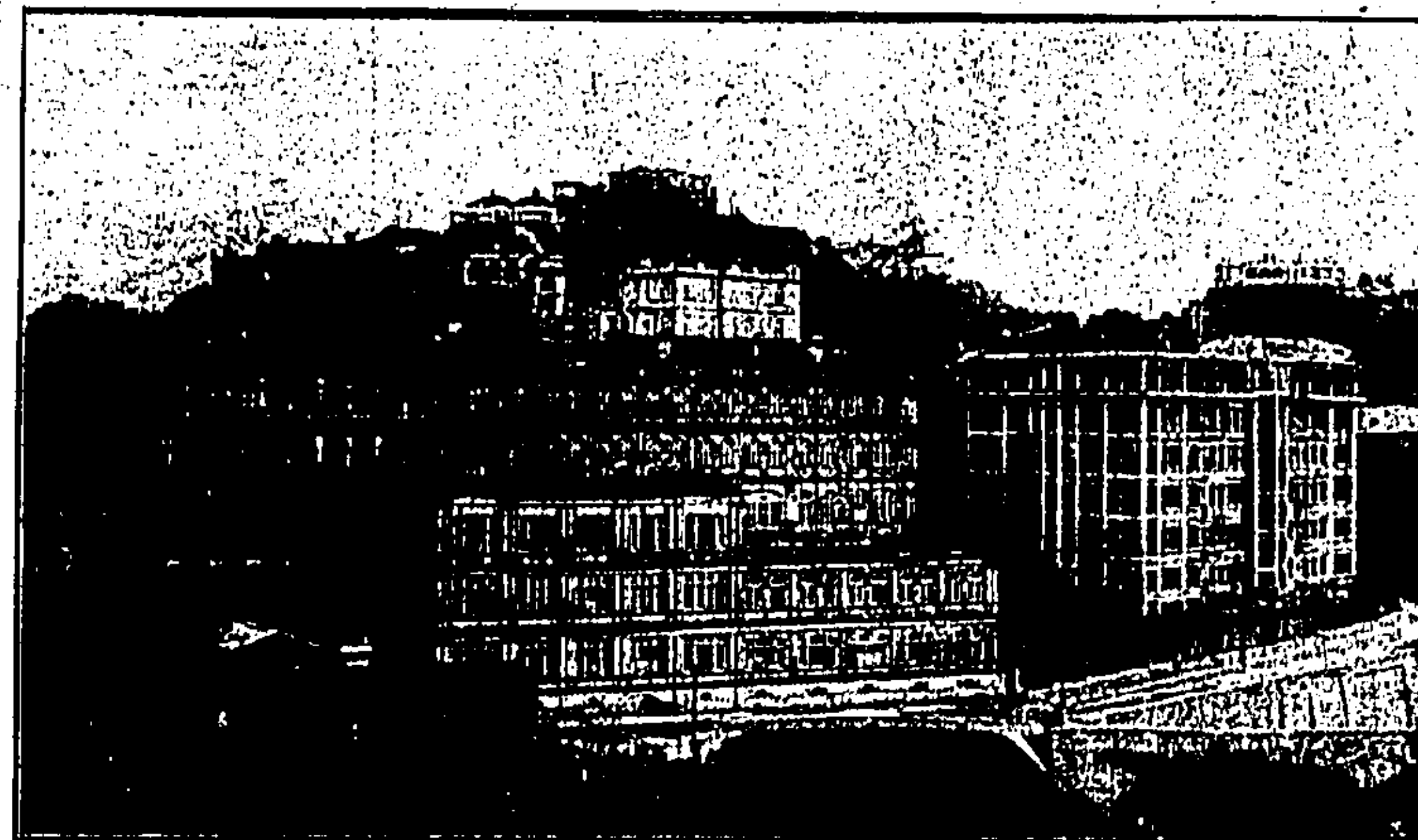
ABERDEEN DAM.—Stream bed at the Dam, looking South.



ANTUNG, MANCHURIA.—The new city, main street.



"UPSTAGE."—Norma Shearer and Oscar Shaw in new film.



PEAK HOTEL and new block of flats on right, recently made ready for occupation.



NOW A TOWN.—Chinese cemetery on which the Japanese built the railway town of Mukden. Every grave owner was reimbursed.



ABERDEEN DAM.—A general view of the site.



GEORGE K. ARTHUR & MARCELINE DAY in "Rookies."



THE BUND AT CANTON.—A new view of the capital's busiest thoroughfare.



A Slap Stick Inventor at Work

HERE is a picture of the scenario mill in full operation. Byron Morgan is the active writer, engaged in devising new comic situations for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer players. He is assisted by Ann Price and Ray Doyle who surround him with the

clatter and commotion necessary in creating new slap stick "gags." Morgan is the writer who is responsible for "The Smart Set," William Haines picture; "Rookies," Karl Dane-George K. Arthur vehicle; and Marion Davies' "The Fair Co-Ed."



NOT AT WEST POINT.—Sing Song Girls of the North. A couple of Tientsin beauties.

THE "MAIL'S" FASHIONS ILLUSTRATED.

THE KERCHIEF DRESS

Many of the Late Spring Frocks Show a Variety of Necklines, but the Scarf and Kerchief Effects Remain Popular



Scarf and kerchief effects worn in a nonchalant manner are the outstanding features of the sports mode. They lend an air of smartness and easy grace that make them wholly desirable. They also establish an air of youthful freshness that is much to be desired.

Colour effects are gained in these scarf and kerchief arrangements and skilful blendings are easily obtained. The paler shades of the dress make the flaming colour of the scarf a decorative feature of no little importance. Figured fabrics, too, find a pleasing contrast in the kerchief of a single, harmonizing tone. The all-white dress in particular uses this means of bringing colour to the costume with particular effectiveness. A very smart all-white sports dress was recently exhibited in the smart shops that

showed a stunning colour appeal in the use of a kerchief scarf, and pocket handkerchief of bright blue and yellow.

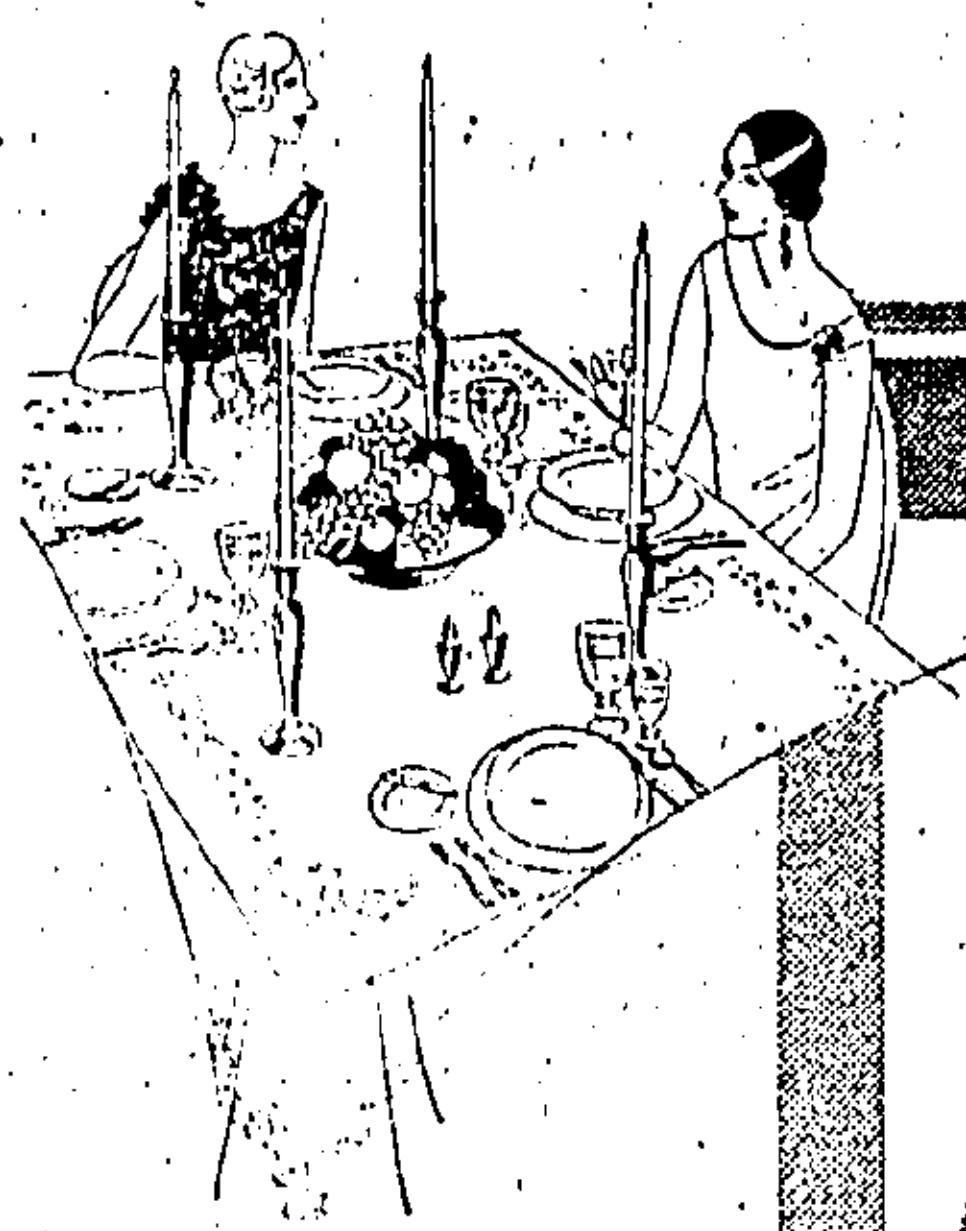
Scarves of long lines are wound with the appearance of carelessness about the neck and terminate in graceful ends. Or the triangular kerchief may be used and knotted carelessly at side, front or back.

A new feature of the scarf or kerchief lies in its matching accessories. To-day pocket handkerchiefs, girdles and hat bands of the same materials create interesting sets.

Dorothy Mackail, given an opportunity to wear some especially chic costumes in the First National picture "Lady Be Good," has selected a charming dress of figured silk, without sleeves and boasting a kerchief neckline of graceful appeal.

THE BRIDGE LUNCHEON IS POPULAR IN HOLLYWOOD

Billie Dove Finds an Informal Means of Bringing Friends Together a Charming Custom. Miss Dove's Menus Are Skillfully Chosen and Favourite Recipes Are Used



Billie Dove finds bridge luncheons a happy way of expressing hospitality to her friends and an especially adroit fashion for introducing out-of-town friends or announcing forthcoming nuptials.

Miss Dove, although extremely busy working on the First National picture, "The Yellow Lily," finds time to entertain after working hours and has taken the time to give her ideas on the subject of entertaining.

Miss Dove says, "I have been asked to give a few ideas on the subject of entertaining, and while I do not consider myself the perfect hostess by any means, I do love to entertain, and, if possible, originate."

"If many persons are invited for bridge luncheons, for instance, I serve the repast on little tables, rather than on the large dining room table.

"When using small tables I find one lovely flower is sufficient decoration on each table, or perhaps I choose a bright candle in a holder."

"I always keep the month holidays in mind with festive symbols to smarten it—April always features foolish novelties; May, baskets or patriotic novelties for Decoration Day, which by the way, I am very careful about, because the last mentioned is such a serious event."

"June naturally lends itself to weddings, and what June doesn't bring at least one or two 'showers'? July we all know calls for flags and fireworks, and so by using ingenuity it is easy to establish unusual results."

"The luncheon served on the bridge tables is naturally less formal than the other way, and it is one answer to the problem of entertaining without a maid."

"The smart hostess can use a tea or service wagon and serve the entire meal with only two or three trips to the kitchen."

"My suggestion is to choose a simple menu, but have the food perfectly cooked and served, keeping in mind that the big thing to be avoided is last-minute preparation."

"Here are three two-course luncheon menus that will be easy to prepare for bridge luncheon:

"Tomatoes stuffed with cream cheese mixture and salted walnuts, baking powder biscuits with jelly and angel food cake."

HOMES OF THE AGE.

Fashions in homes change so quickly that the contrast between those of to-day and last-year are very sharp. Yet there are many people who hold that there might be "something to be said, after all," for the good old-fashioned methods—before electricity. Unexpected extinctions of light prompt a suggestion in the minds of hundreds as they fumble in the gloom for a candle. Lamps and candles! How picturesque and certain they were!

"But," modern housewives sigh, "we cannot go back to them. For if we did we would not find them so charming as we think they must have been in retrospect." Yet, oddly enough, no fashionable home is seemingly complete without last bronze candlesticks or antique oil lamps, with which modern woman tastefully decorated her home in "a quaint Old World way."

It is true, enough that people do not discriminate between what they are told they ought to like and what they really prefer. Countless labour-saving devices and resources which dominate homes throughout the world to-day have caused thousands to leave ancient, antiquated and unfashionable residences; with cellars, basements, long kitchens, many storeys, and large coal fires, for neat, compact flats, or bungalows, containing "every modern convenience." Gone are the blazing log fires, which gleam and roar



"Preparation: I scoop out the centres of six or as many tomatoes as I need, one for each salad, and fill them with a mixture consisting of one chopped, hard-cooked egg, one-fourth cupful chopped olives, one tablespoonful capers and one teaspoonful chopped chives. I build this filling around a ball of creamed cheese that has been seasoned with celery salt, parsley and chopped almonds. Over the entire concoction I pour mayonnaise that has been thinned to a cream consistency."

"I serve the biscuits with the salad and the angel food cake and coffee later."

"Here is another two-course luncheon that I think is good: Tongue, mouse, graham rolls, cabbage and green pepper relish and peach delight."

"Tongue Mousse—Put one cupful cooked tongue through the food chopper, using the finest knife. Soak a tablespoonful gelatine in one-fourth cupful cold white stock, dissolve in one cup boiling white stock. Add the tongue, one tablespoonful finely chopped green pepper, one teaspoonful chopped chives and seasonings to taste. Cool, stirring occasionally and when the mixture begins to thicken, fold in one cupful stiffly beaten cream and pour into a cold, wet mould and chill for two hours. This will serve six persons."

"Shrimp Creole and rice balls with cornbread. Dreamed pie and hot chocolate."

"Shrimp Creole—Put one-third cupful olive oil into a frying pan. Wash and remove seeds from one green pepper and cut into rings with two medium onions; add to the olive oil with one-half cupful chili sauce, two cupfuls water and one tablespoonful finely chopped parsley. Cook over a slow fire until vegetables are soft and sauce is thick. Add one can shrimp, half teaspoonful salt, one-eighth teaspoonful pepper and simmer gently for ten minutes. Form cooked rice into small balls and serve with shrimp. If fresh shrimps are used, cook one pound in boiling water for ten minutes. Shell, remove the viscera and add the shrimps to cooked mixture in the same manner as canned shrimp."

MAKING A LAVENDER FAN.

When lavender is in bloom again, why not make a fan? It is charming, and here is the way to do it. First cut two pieces of organdy muslin in either pink, white, or lavender, each being about 8 in. deep. Next stitch on, at regular intervals sprigs of lavender. This done, lay the second piece of lavender on top of the first, and tack it neatly along the top, bottom, and sides of the fan, finally hiding the stitches with either fine gold braid or silver beads. Fold the fan like a paper one, the crease coming in the middle of year. Now tie the ends together with ribbon to match the muslin, and place the fan beneath a heavy book to press the creases.

of Cocktails, or the Age of Nervous Diseases—there are still those old-fashioned enough to say, as they watch the heads of giant electric light standards reared to the sky: "Candles and lamps are good for the eyes, and the crackling of a fire is a thing of becoming beauty." If it is these people who will assert that in spite of all "modern" conveniences there is nothing to surpass the visible comfort of a blaze on a wide, open hearth, such as those daily being built in ultra-smart homes—if only for ornament

WRAPS THAT ARE ATTRACTING INTEREST

Scarves Are Worn in a New Manner and the Newest Capes and Coats Show a Softened Silhouette.



With gowns showing an increasingly bouffant style, the wrap that covers them has become a thing of beauty as well as convenience. The straight, slenderly designed wrap of a season or two ago is sadly out of the picture to-day with the mode stressing fluffiness of silhouette and evening gowns designed along period lines. Consequently the need for a voluminously designed wrap has been met by the coat wrap that possesses a decided flare at the bottom.

The ensemble idea that is so dominant this season is being shown to advantage in the wrap that is seen everywhere this season.

Gracefulness is essential in the new wrap. The coats or capes are beautifully cut to begin with. They form a very lovely picture with their general appearance of old world charm and in addition possess features of modern chic in their smart details.

The collar that is furled is, of course, still lovely and is much seen, but the newest version shows an interestingly designed collar of scarf outlines, or shows a trend towards the use of the kerchief. The distinctive scarf that is edged in

fur and may be thrown carelessly, but gracefully, about the neck is most effective in these wraps of period charm. The handkerchief scarf replacing the collar on the evening wrap is a smart evolution of the scarf theme. With collars of self materials scarves of fur are being much used and very deep and beautiful pelts are used to gain the effect of lavishness.

The graceful trend in the wrap is towards length and a fluttering silhouette. Smartly flaring flounces add great chic to the newest wraps. Cape effects as well as coats are seen, but the happy combination of these two into a cape coat provides the favourite wrap of the season.

Taffetas, laces, velvets and chiffons are much seen with satin proving itself as popular in the outer garment as it is in the dress of formal appeal.

Alice White, seen in First National's "Harold Teen," is pictured here wearing a charming evening ensemble that stresses the new idea. Miss White's wrap is of gold brocade featuring roses of a deep pink. Miss White chose the flattering softness of fox fur rather than the scarf or kerchief at the neck.

THE CARE OF BABIES.

The struggle to cut down the death rate is being waged incessantly by medical science. Sooner or later death comes to us all. It is only a question of knowledge and skill to ensure that the sooner will be largely eliminated, and that only later will be the rule. There has been, and still is, an enormous waste of infant life. Babies are precious, not only to parents, but to the State, and for that reason alone every effort must be made to preserve the lives that have been given. In New York City in 1910, 126 babies died out of every 1,000 births, in 1927 the rate had dropped to 66 in 1,000. That shows splendid work. There is an institution in New York which has been a great factor in achieving this happy result. It is the "Babies' Hospital." Infants are treated there up to the age of one month. It is more than worth while to care for infants, for prevention of disease is more effective in the early years than at any other time of life. Not only is the actual treatment within the wards of the hospital extraordinarily successful, but knowledge of proper care is spread far and wide by the mothers who are instructed in the care of their babies. After the tiny patient has been discharged, and instruction has been given to the mother on proper diet and treatment, a nurse is sent out to her home to see that the conditions are favourable, and that the treatment is properly applied. That home then becomes the centre from which other mothers are inspired to care properly for their own babies. So the hospital work is spread far and wide. This doctrine of cleanliness and fresh air

BABY'S PILLOWS.

The filling of baby's pillows should be kept scrupulously clean and sweet, and a fine spring day, with a high wind, is ideal for washing the feathers. They may be both cleansed and disinfected by lime water. Prepare by adding 1 lb. of quick lime to each gallon of water. Let it stand till the undissolved lime has settled at the bottom of the tub. Then, gently, so as not to disturb this sediment, pour off the clean liquid into another vessel for use. Place the feathers in a bath, and then pour over them the lime water, stirring them in until they sink to the bottom. Let them stand for three days. Then remove, and drain in a clean sieve. To dry, make a large bag of an old lace curtain or similar material, place the feathers in it, and peg out in the open air, shaking the bag as often as possible. The operation will take some days, but when the feathers are dry beat them with a cane to free them from all dust, and then, still in the bag, hang them in a warm atmosphere to air. After this, they are ready to be replaced in the clean ticking again.

and nourishing food is preached in a very practical way, and banners against the spread of disease are built up. Conditions in this country (says a Queensland writer) are more favourable than in the crowded cities of America and Europe, but no one could say that we are doing our utmost yet. Ignorance is the first foe, and there is great need for systematic instruction of mothers in this tremendously important work of caring for their babies.

ON WITH THE DANCE.

The revival of folk dances has been a much-discussed topic lately among dance enthusiasts. Perhaps it would be unsafe to prophesy that when the craze for the Charleston and the Yale Blues has faded their places in the ballroom will be taken by "Jenny Pluck Peara," "Gathering Peascods," and other old English folk dances. Yet there is undoubtedly an extraordinary revival of Morris dancing now under way in Australia, and it is being specially encouraged in the best girls' schools. And why should not the search for novelty take us back to the partially forgotten and very pleasant old customs of our own country as well as those of the negroes in the Black Bottom swamps of America? More surprising things have happened, and perhaps if the Prince of Wales were to assume the baldric and disport himself in a "Shepherd's Hey," the saxophone and its companion implements of discord might fade into the background. To-day there can hardly be a man or woman in this country who has not sung or heard or played or danced to some old English folk tune. Yet a quarter of a century ago there were very few people indeed who were familiar with these lilting unsophisticated, and very catchy airs. The change is almost entirely due to one man—Cecil Sharp—whose enthusiasm led him at the end of last century, and until he died some three years ago, to go trudging into remote country areas in search of old people who still remembered the traditional tunes of "Merrie England." He set the tune, and he published them, and the English Folk Dance Society carries on his work. As a memorial to him a fund was started, and already nearly £25,000 has been raised to establish a London headquarters for this society, and a site has been procured in the Regent's Park neighbourhood. In numberless towns and villages throughout England branches have been established, and in the places where traditional dances are still held—as, for instance, the "Furry," or floral, dance, common in certain parts of Cornwall. The local inhabitants—simple people, who kept alive an old rural tradition—are now extolled as the apostles of a revived art. Rather surprising indications of the widespread enthu-

FRIVOLOUS QUESTIONS.

One way in which we should all show charity to each other in these difficult, complex days is by refraining from making unnecessary requests. Some people go about asking small favours—at least, they seem small to them, no doubt, but to the woman who is burdened by a number of them they loom larger.

Almost always some point of delicacy is involved in these prettily put demands on one's time and ingenuity. The business woman is asked to obtain some small but special information from her employer or from the head of a department. It is the sort of thing that can be done, but that cannot be done at any moment, or in any mood of the man questioned. The outsider never realises this. She may want or may temporarily believe that she wants advice on an investment, on a house, or a school for her children; she may be for a while enthusiastic on behalf of a friend who wants a post (or thinks she wants one); she may wish to "wangle" free seats for a theatre, or some publicity for a novel—there is no end to her possible requirements, but she never sees that they may possibly be wearisome to a busy woman, or that the discovery that they were merely frivolous can be positively maddening.

Disdain for folk dancing are the displays given by schools at public functions in the winter seasons. Here in Brisbane we had many picturesque demonstrations last year, and it is expected that the coming season will see very many more.

Much nonsense, of course, is talked about the "good old days," and the "Merrie England" of the middle ages. But undoubtedly this rhythmic merry-making of simple people was one of the few gleams of light in an age of profound gloom. That it has survived almost by chance to this sophisticated age, and that its popularity has so remarkably revived, certainly establishes it as something much more than a passing craze. In England the dances and tunes are already popular on the village greens; they are popular in the towns; the wireless treats them with respect, and leading musicians are enthusiastic for them.

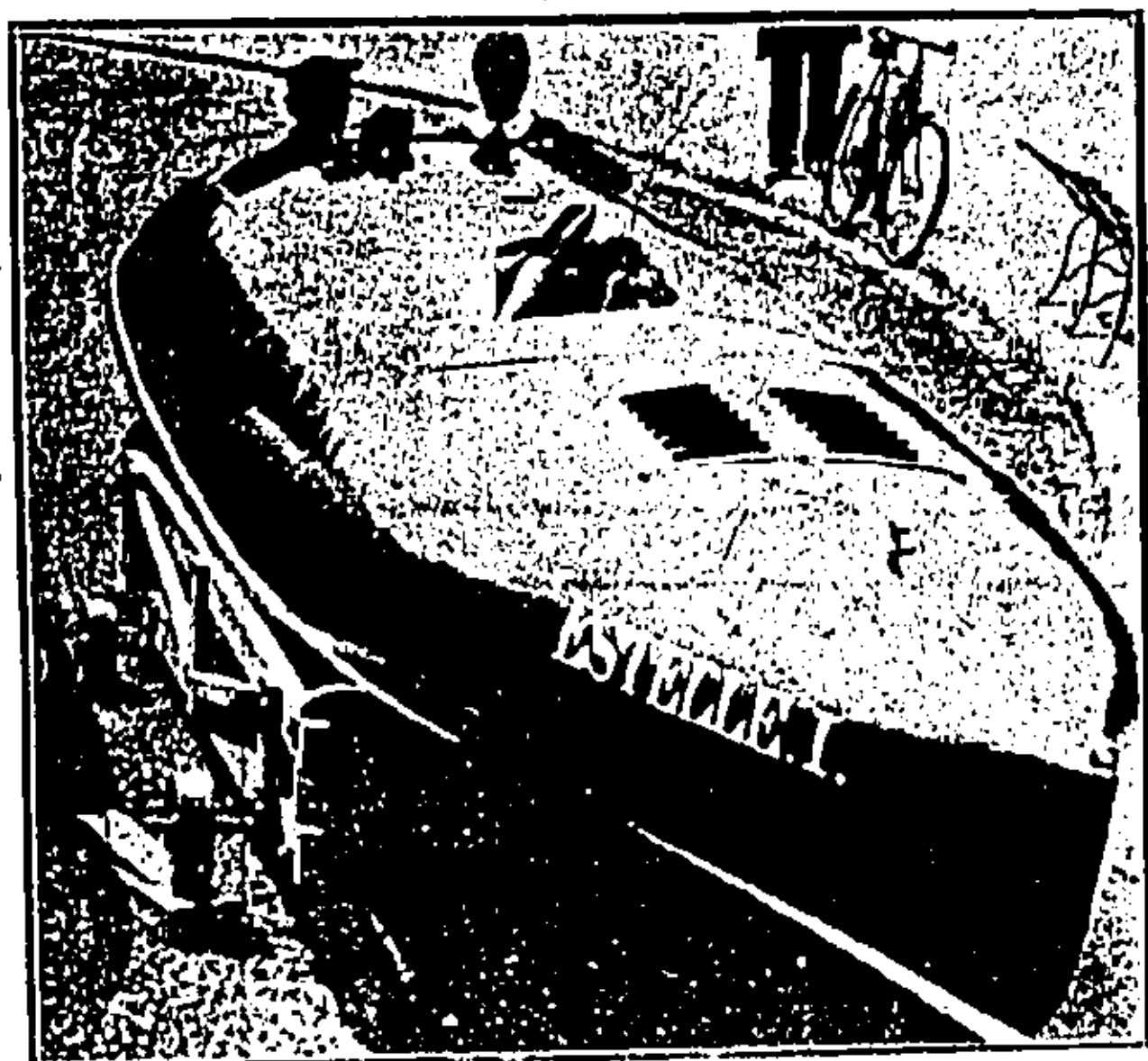
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GREAT INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF YOUTH IN LONDON.—The rising generation portray the joy of youth. Boys and girls of thirty nations of the world took part in a great festival of youth held by the League of Nations Union at the Crystal Palace, London, on June 2, before a large crowd of 25,000. These are the two youngest Japanese in the Junior Branch Japanese Contingent.—(Sport and General).



KING GEORGE disembarking from Channel boat at Dover.



"HUSH-HUSH" MOTOR-BOAT TO ATTACK "MAURETANIA'S" RECORD FOR ATLANTIC CROSSING.—On the right, Miss M. B. Carstairs at the wheel of "Estelle," one of two motor-boats built secretly for her at Cowes. Towards the end of July she will attempt to cross the Atlantic from Ireland, in less than three days. The boat is to have four engines of 500 h.p., and the speed will average 40 knots per hour.—(Sport and General).



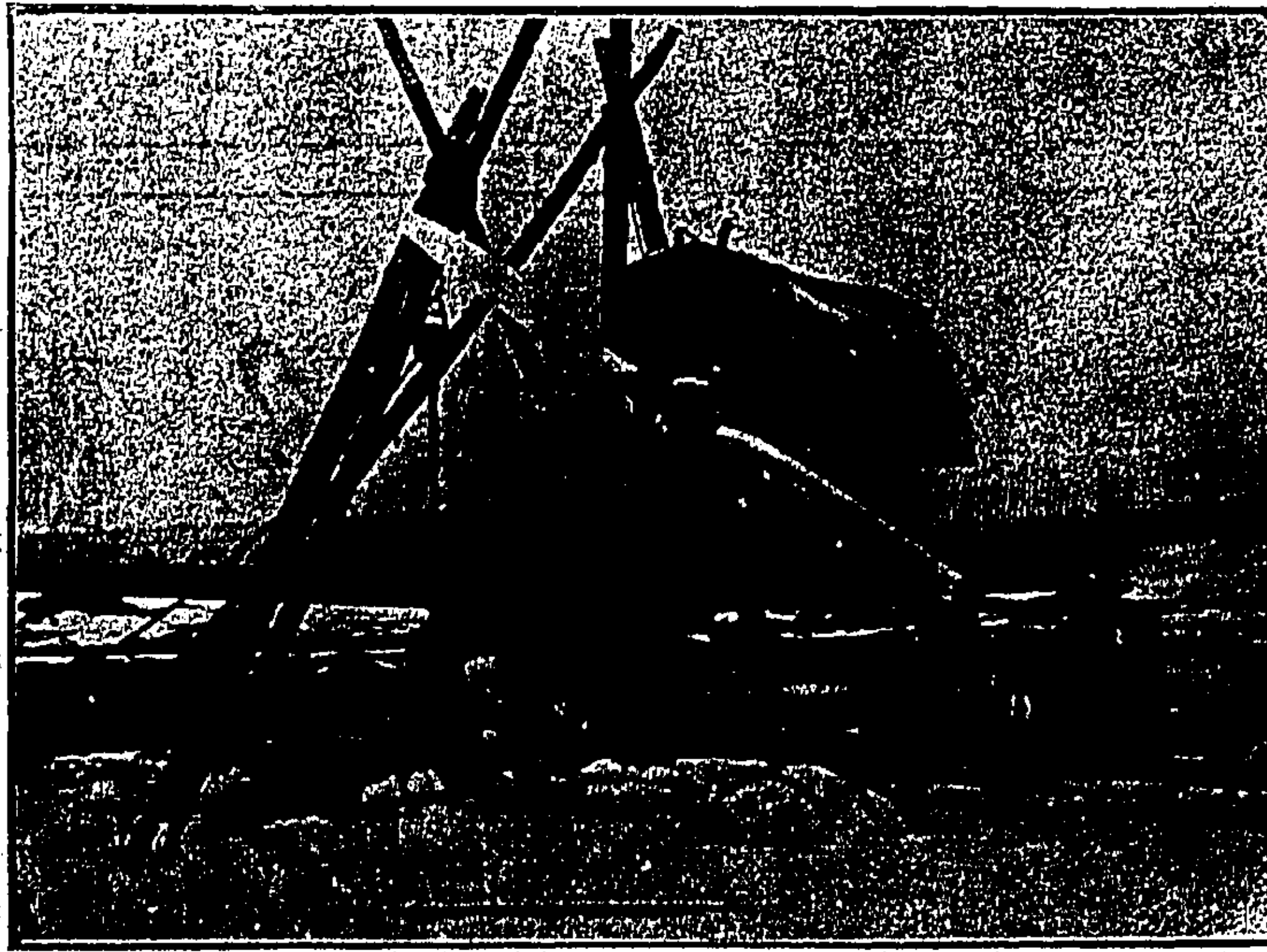
PREPARING FOR THE GREAT "DERBY DAY," JUNE 6.—Gypsies beginning to arrive on the famous Epsom Downs, in motors! A typical gipsy family encamped on the Downs. Sarah West, an 85-year old gipsy woman, with her great grandchildren and their pets round the camp fire. Note the motor caravan in background.—(Sport and General).



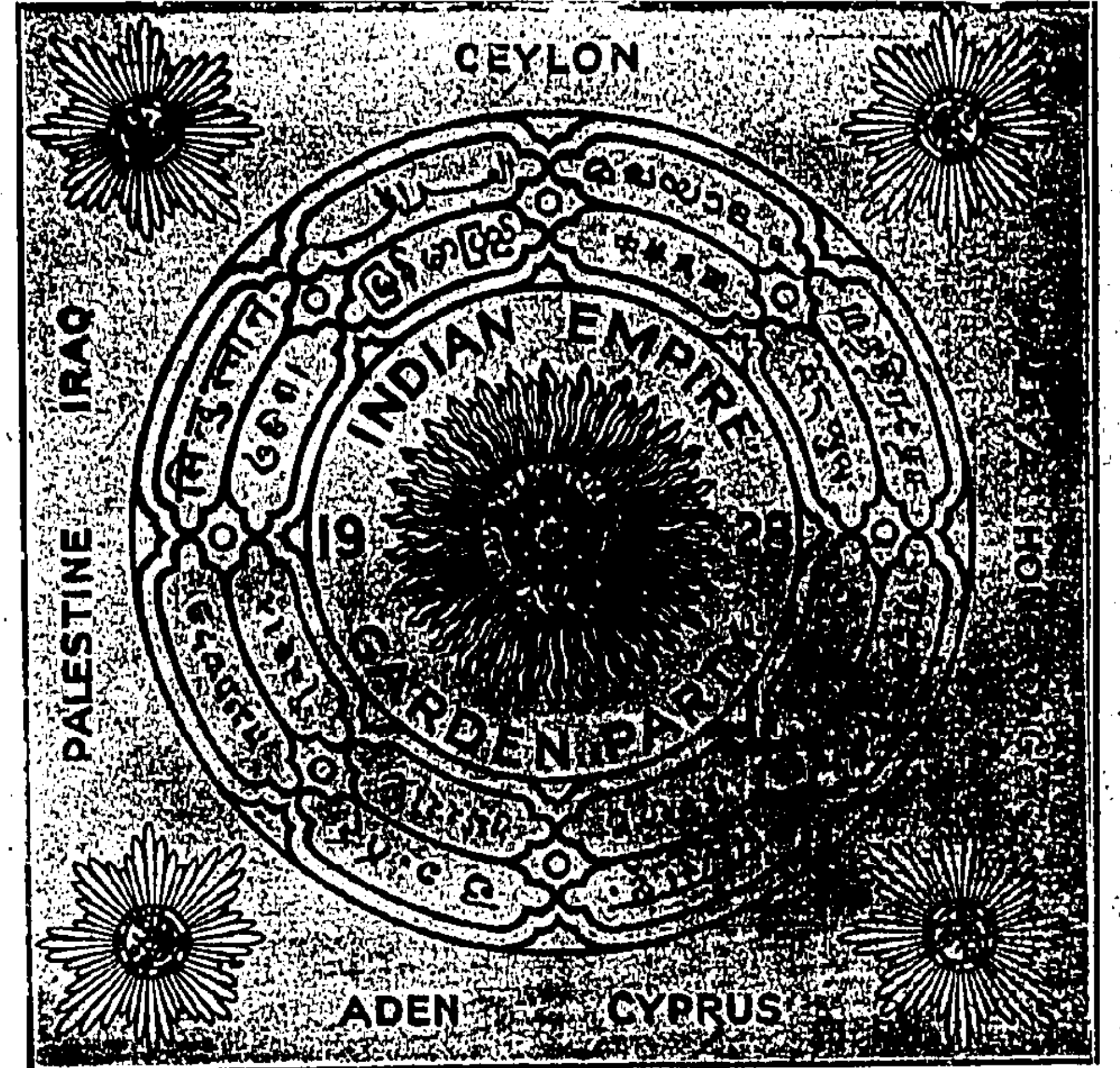
RECORD PRICE FOR A PAINTING.—£175,000 paid for Raphael's "Madonna and Child," sold secretly in London. Sir Joseph Duveen, the famous Bond-street art dealer, paid £175,000 to Lady Desborough for Raphael's picture, "Madonna and Child," the highest price ever paid for a single painting. The picture bears Raphael's signature with the date 1508, and as the canvas measures only 30½ inches by 22, the price paid makes its value more than £263 a square inch. It is expected that the painting will eventually go to America.—(Sport and General).



THE HIGHLAND SPIRIT IN LONDON!—A great sports gathering of Scottish schools and regiments was held at the Duke of York's headquarters, Chelsea, London, in aid of Scottish charities here. The Duke of Atholl is shown taking great interest in the Royal Caledonian School boys who excited admiration in their striking national costume.—(Sport and General).



THE SUCCESSFUL ATLANTIC FLIERS ON GREENLY ISLAND.—A front view of the aeroplane "Bremen" by the pond on which the airmen landed on Greenly Island after their flight across the Atlantic. Temporary wooden tripods were used to raise it off the ice, with oil drums and planks acting as supports and enabling the fliers to get the "plane" off the pond.—(Sport and General).



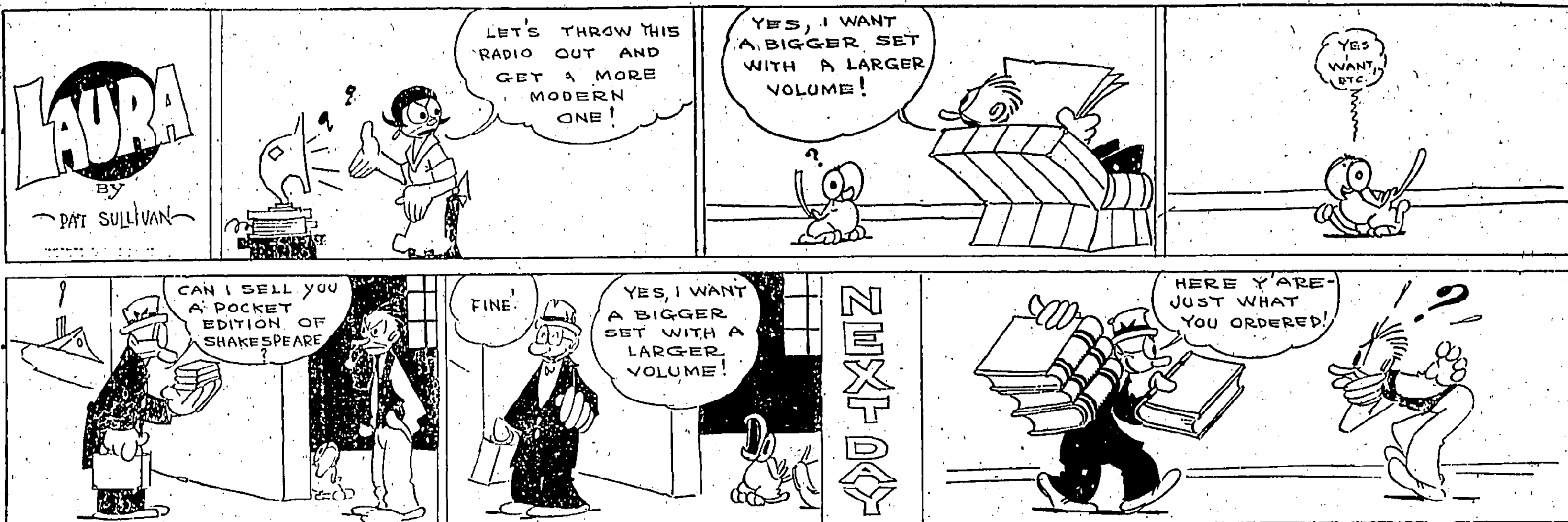
CHINESE USED IN INDIAN EMPIRE GARDEN PARTY'S PROGRAMME.—held at Ranelagh Club on June 27. The proceeds were given to Earl Haig's Fund and the London Children's Fresh Air Fund. Here is the frontispiece of the programme with inscriptions in some of the languages spoken in the Indian Empire. Four Chinese characters occupy one of the spaces in the middle circle, reading "the Republic of China."—(Sport and General).



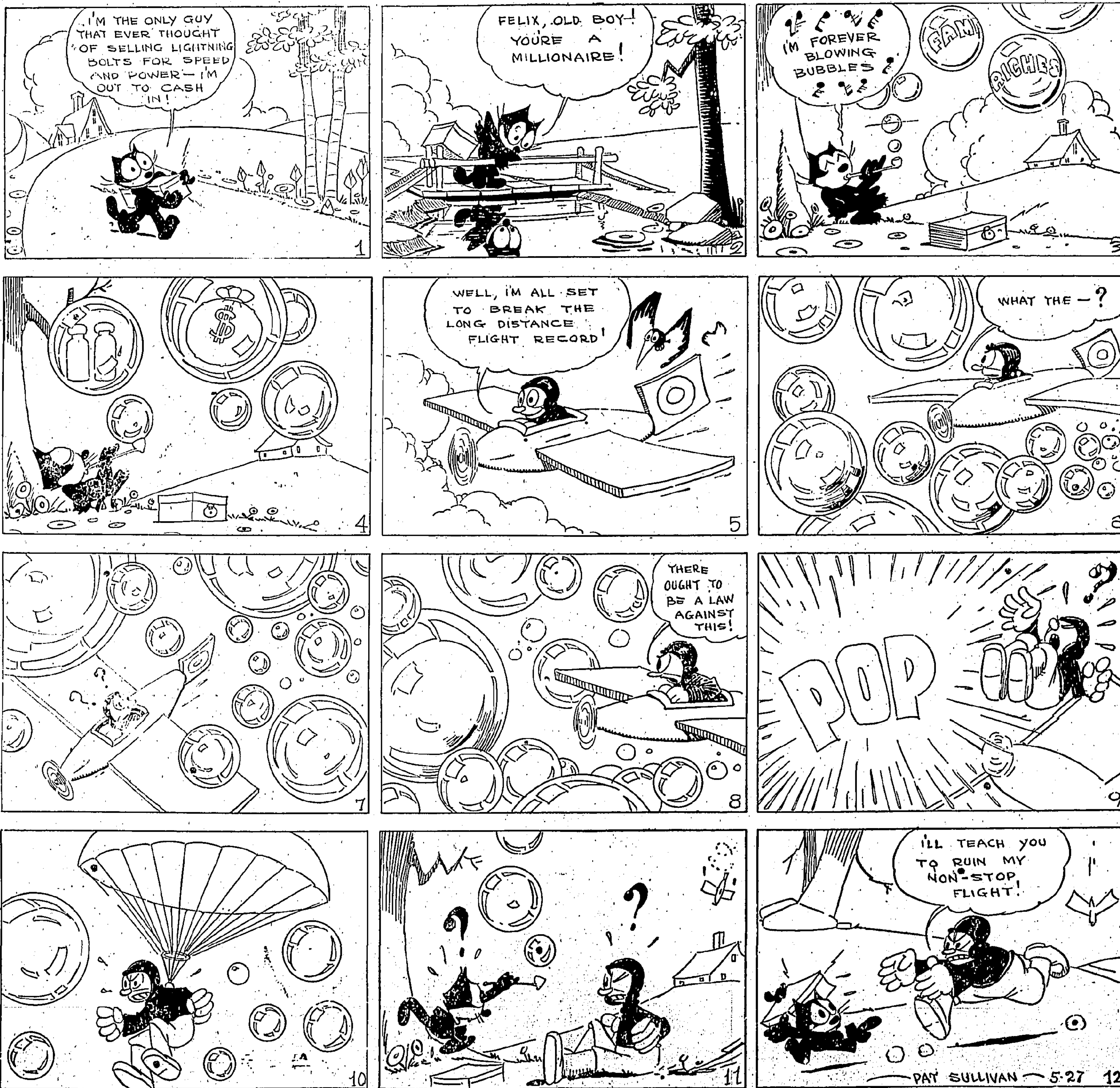
ANNUAL WHITSUNTIDE TRIAL FOR THE DUNMOW FLITCH AT ILFORD, ESSEX, ON MAY 28.—Couples who aver that they have lived in amity for a year and one day compete in the Court for a "flitch" or side of bacon. The court is carried on in truly judicial style, the couples termed plaintiffs, being put into the witness box and interrogated by counsel for "flitch" and claimants. The jury is composed of bachelors and maidens, while the "judge" was the well-known comedian, Mr. Charles Austin. Mr. and Mrs. Cook were the winners.—(Sport and General).



SIR H. WILKINS' ARCTIC EXPEDITION.—Sir H. Wilkins and Lt. Eielson, who recently flew in an aeroplane to the North Pole, arrive at King's Bay, Spitzbergen to welcome General Noble and the Airship "Italia."—(Sport and General).



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NAVAL EPIC OF 1918.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY RAID ON ZEEBRUGGE.

AN ILLUSTRATED LECTURE.

Lt.-Comdr. E. L. Berthon, D.S.O., R.N., who took part as a lieutenant on one of the attacking ships in the epic of the Royal Navy in 1918—the raid on the German submarine base at Zeebrugge on the morning of St. George's Day (April 23)—described his experiences in a lecture given last evening in St. John's Cathedral Hall.

The speaker was introduced by the Very Rev. Dean Swann. Lt.-Comdr. Berthon used a number of lantern slides, prepared from actual photographs, to illustrate his narrative. He referred to conditions in the shipping world in 1917 when merchant craft were being sunk faster than they could be built.

How Sir Roger Keyes gathered his fleet and sailed from Dover to attack Ostend and Zeebrugge was described. Then each stage was graphically explained, the storming of the mole, the sinking of two of the block ships to impede the channel, the landing of demolition parties and many an individual exploit.

A vote of thanks to Lt.-Comdr. Berthon, moved by Dean Swann, was heartily accorded at the close.

FLEET CHANGES.

DESTROYERS LEAVE HONG KONG TO-MORROW.

The 3rd Destroyer Flotilla, of the Royal Navy, which has been attached to the China Station for some time, leaves Hong Kong to-morrow for the Mediterranean and Home. These ships are H.M.S. "Keppel" (flotilla leader), "Wishart," "Verity," "Veteran," "Wanderer," "Witherington," "Wild Swan," "Wivern" and "Wolverine."

H.M.S. "Curlew," which was detached from the 3rd Cruiser Squadron, leaves on Monday for refitting at Home prior to returning to the Mediterranean.

H.M.S. "Carlisle" of the 5th Cruiser Squadron leaves for Home on July 13. Her place will be taken by the new "Suffolk," which is due here on July 12.

All departing vessels will fly the paying-off pennant before departure. If harbour conditions permit, the destroyers will steam out in line to-morrow, through Lyceum.

FORCED LANDING.

The pilot, Flying Officer J. G. H. Randle, R.A.F., and two passengers of a Fairey 3D aeroplane, belonging to No. 442 Fleet Air Arm Flight, attached to H.M.S. "Tamar," had a forced landing at 10.20 a.m. yesterday, in the eastern end of the harbour, due to engine failure, but nobody was injured, states an official report.

AN ODDIOUS TAX.

We are taxed nowadays, croakers say, from cradle to grave; but in one respect at least we are better off than our forefathers, on whom Godolphin laid that most odious imposition, a tax on births.

During the eleven years it survived, parents not entirely destitute had to pay 2s. on the birth of a child. If they were of noble estate, the figure was far higher.

A duke, for example, paid £30 on the birth of an heir; £25 for another child. The rate dwindled with rank. Barons and knights paid £5 for their heirs, and £1 a head for other progeny; below which degrades the entrance fee into this mercenary world was the same for the eldest as for other offspring—£1 for serjeants-at-law, esquires or gentlemen, doctors of divinity, law or physic, and all church dignitaries from archbishops down to prebendaries; while everybody who was worth £50 a year or had £500 in the funds had to pay each child's footing to the extent of half a sovereign.

But then, says the croaker, it was worth while being born, in those good old days.—A. B. L. in "Daily Mail."

Mr. (formerly General) Wu Tchen, former Commissioner of the Department of Reconstruction at Canton, has formally handed over office to the new Commissioner, Mr. Ma Chiu-chun. After attending the inauguration ceremony as a member of the Executive Committee of the new Kwangtung Government, Mr. Wu left for Hong Kong, en route for Shanghai, to attend the fifth plenary session of the Nationalist Party.

Amsterdam, Yesterday.—The "Bremer" Alca, Capt. Koel, Baron von Huenefeld, and Commandant Fitzmaurice, arrived from Dublin in the "Bremer's" sister plane "Europa," to be the guests of the ex-Kaiser. They were conveyed to Doorn. In the "Imperial" motor car.—Reuter.

CINEMA NOTES.

FINAL SHOWINGS TO-DAY.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"Norma Talmadge's first United Artists picture, 'The Dove,' will close its season at the Queen's Theatre to-day. The picture is said to retain all the fire of David Belasco's original stage play, and gives Miss Talmadge the most remarkable role of her career. Noah Beery, the villainous sergeant of 'Beau Geste,' and Gilbert Roland have also been accorded important roles by the eminent director Herman Baymaker. The settings of the production are lavish, while the acting and photography are of a very high standard.

Miss Cherie Valentine and Miss Tomasita Birdwell, the clever young dancers definitely bring their Hong Kong season to a close to-night at the 9.20 p.m. performance.

WORLD THEATRE.

"Cradle Snatchers," will have its final screenings at the World Theatre to-day. It tells the highly amusing story of three weary wives who hire three college boys to play the part of lovers in order to arouse the jealousy of their philandering husbands who too often plead evening "business" engagements. Louise Fazenda, Sammy Cohen and J. Farrell MacDonald are the principal players.

STAR THEATRE.

"Blonde or Brunette," a sparkling French comedy closes its season at the Star Theatre to-day. Adolphe Menjou as gay and debonaire as ever, makes fun of the "eternal triangle," theme with the able assistance of Greta Nissen and Arlette Marchal. An extremely comical series of events lead to a hilarious climax which finds Menjou, now divorced from a blonde and remarried to a brunette, stranded with both ladies at a country house. The hosts being unaware of the true position, highly piquant complications follow.

AT PEKING.

SUN YAT-SEN "TOLD" OF VICTORY.

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons, Mr. W. Forster Mitchell asked as to the present position in regard to the Sun Yat-sen in China. Mr. G. Locher-Lampson (Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs) replied that discussions with the Nationalist Government were still proceeding and he was of the opinion that in view of the fact that the Nationalist Government aimed at consolidating its position as the Nationalist Government of China and as such to enter into friendly relations with the foreign Powers, it would not doubt recognise the paramount importance of faithfully fulfilling all the obligations to which it had fallen heir.

Also, in deciding its attitude towards the Salt Administration, the Nationalist Government would doubtless also bear in mind the enormous benefits conferred on China by the re-organisation of the system of collecting salt revenues effected by Sir Richard Dane, under the terms of the loan agreement of 1913.—Reuter.

In the absence of Marshal Li Chiu-shun from Canton and pending the arrival of General Wong Shi-hung from Kwangsi, General Tang Shi-chang is temporarily in charge of military affairs at Canton as Director of Operations of the 8th Army Route (pro tem). General Wong Shi-hung has been urgently called to Canton, and when he arrives, will take over this responsibility. General Tang Shi-chang is Chief of Staff at Canton, Commander of the City Garrison, and also Commissioner of the Bureau of Public Safety.

London, Yesterday.—The Canard "Mauretania," which is twenty-one years old, arrived in Southampton to-day having established a new record for Southampton-New York return trip, making the double journey in 12½ days. Her average speed was 25.3 knots and the best day's run was 611 miles.—British Wireless Service.

London, Yesterday.—Air Vice-Marshal Sir Robert Brooke Popham has been selected to succeed Air Vice-Marshal Sir Edward Ellington as Air Officer, Commanding Iraq Command, towards the middle of November next, on completion by the latter officer of two years' service in Iraq.—British Wireless Service.

London, Yesterday.—On the invitation of the "Prince of Wales," Admiral of the Fleet Lord Jellicoe has accepted the post of Grand President of the British Empire Service League in succession to Lord Haig.—British Wireless Service.

FRANCE & ALSACE.

A SENATOR'S DEFENCE OF HOME RULE MOVEMENT.

"INTEGRAL ASSIMILATION."

Before the Colmar Assizes last month a powerful defence, or, rather, historical justification, of the Home Rule movement was made by the Abbe Muller, a member of the French Senate for Alsace, who was called as first witness for the defence, writes a Paris correspondent to the "Manchester Guardian."

As for a plot against the French State, he knew nothing; evidently the gravamen of the charge against the prisoners was not certain actions they were alleged to have committed but Home Rule agitation itself. He explained how and why Alsace-Lorraine has become discontented and why it demanded regional Home Rule. It was due to the blundering of the Paris authorities, to the utter lack of comprehension of the Alsatian mind and conditions.

A population that had won and enjoyed a large measure of Home Rule under the German regime could not be "departmentalised," incorporated in the French centralised system and assimilated out of hand. Immediately after the hostilities he had warned the French generals against this overhasty conversion of an autonomous province into several French departments—against the "systematic destruction of something we ourselves had methodically built up, of something that was not exactly due to Germany but to Alsace-Lorraine itself."

"What ought to have been done," the senator went on, "was to proceed not by assimilation. The problems was first of all an administrative one: no understanding was shown. It was a cultural problem: again there was no understanding. It was economic: this was understood a little better. What happened was bound to happen; the machine broke down."

"Integral Assimilation." For a time under M. Millerand's High Commission the police was reversed, and provisionally Alsace enjoyed within the framework of France a sort of regional Home Rule with its own governor, its own Budget, and its own administration. But that did not last, and there came a renewed offensive for "integral assimilation," with application of the secularising laws, the separation of Church and State, the suspension of religious liberty.

No, the Alsace problem, he declared, could only be solved by regionalism. Regionalism was not a Senator or an Alsatian idea. Here the Senator quoted from the pamphlet "The Republic and Centralisation," in which Charles Maurras, the famous Royalist publicist, and Paul Boncour, the Socialist leader, took opposite sides upon this movement which aimed at the restoration of the old provinces of France of their rights and autonomy.

After enumerating all the faults that had been committed against Alsace, and after a passionate plea for a more respectful treatment of the "mother tongue" of Alsace, Senator Muller paid a tribute to Dr. Ricklin, the Home Rule leader, in the dock before him. "Dr. Ricklin loyally served Alsace under another regime. He has served France with equal loyalty. He does not deserve the treatment that has been given him. There again is another blunder."

The "Japan Chronicle" states that the burglar-catcher imported by the Osaka police from Germany turns out not to be a glove but a watch. It has now arrived and looks just like an ordinary watch, but when it is connected with the battery, which is carried in another pocket and connected to it with a cord, the slightest touch reduces the toucher to impotence without doing him any harm. It is not explained how the burglar is to be induced to touch the watch, but presumably it is dangled before his eyes. Whether he would be tempted to take a nickel watch instead of cash is another question. It is said to be greatly patronized by women in Europe and America for their protection against men.

A wedding reception was held on the "Korea Maru" on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. J. Gelbart, son of the late Mrs. Adela Gelbart of Shanghai, and Miss Aida Cornet, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. G. Cornet. The bride and groom are passengers on this steamer on their honeymoon trip, and expect to take an extended tour in America. A large gathering of friends and relations partook of the wedding dinner on the "Korea Maru," when the toast to the bride and groom, proposed by Mr. H. G. Mackenzie, of the Chinese Maritime Customs, was enthusiastically drunk by the company assembled.

TEASERS.

Answers to To-day's Questions.

1. Capital of Kaffa, Abyssinia.
2. Lieut.-Col. Frederick Bartholomew Joseph Jerrard.
3. James Curtis Booth, an American chemist (1810-88) of Philadelphia.
4. Sir John Jackson Smale, Kt.
5. Lieut.-General Sir Robert Baden Powell.
6. E. Elmalic.

Shadows Before

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL"

To-day—Queen's Theatre: "The Dove"; Miss Cherie Valentine and Miss Tomasita Birdwell, at 9.20 p.m.

To-day—World Theatre: "Cradle Snatchers."

To-day—Star Theatre: "Blonde or Brunette."

July 8-9—Queen's Theatre: "The Cat's Pajamas."

July 8-9—World Theatre: "Painting the Town."

July 8-9—Star Theatre: "California."

July 10-11—Queen's Theatre: "A Little Journey."

July 10-11—World Theatre: "Wages of Virtue."

July 10-11—Star Theatre: "Wild, Wild Susan."

July 12-14—Queen's Theatre: "Mother Machree"; also at 9.20 p.m. the Band of the 1st Bn. K.O.S.B. (By kind permission).

July 12-14—World Theatre: "Upstage."

July 12-14—Star Theatre: "Women Love Diamonds."

July 20—Promenade concert at Volunteer Parade Ground at 9.15 p.m.

Lammert's Auction.

July 12—At Sales Room, 4 Duddell-st., valuable collection of curios, 2.30 p.m.

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July 9—At P.W.D. Offices, Crown lands at Talkotsui and Shamshui, 3 p.m.

Meeting.

July 9—A meeting of the Sports Committee at H.K.V. Headquarters at 5.45 p.m.

July 14—Meeting of Creditors of the Yuen On Company, Ltd., at 6, Des Voeux-road, Chl. noon.

Miscellaneous.

To-day—Bathing picnic by St. Andrew's Y.M.C. to Junk Bay, 4 p.m.

An excellent entertainment has been arranged by the committee of the Crispin-gower Cricket Club for to-night when a promenade concert will be held on the club's lawn. A number of musical items will be given by members while the ladies will serve refreshments during the evening.

Films dealing with the correct lubrication of cars, steamers, locomotives and vehicles generally were shown at the Hong Kong Institute of Engineers and Shippbuilders yesterday by the Standard Oil Co. of New York (through Mr. Conant, the local manager), in co-operation with the U. S. Bureau of Mines Mr. W. J. Stokes of the Institute thanked the exhibitors at the conclusion.

A Chinese, who appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindell yesterday for the alleged procuring of two girls for immoral purposes, was discharged. The girls both stated that they left their villages with the intention of going abroad to work on farms. They denied having made any previous statements that their purpose was to become prostitutes. The Magistrate, remarking that the witnesses knew perfectly well they were lying, discharged defendant.

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PILGRIM FATHERS: Congregationalists Leave London On U. S. Tour.

A large party of Congregationalists left Euston by the boat train at 9.10 a.m. recently to join the White Star liner "Celtic," which, like a second "Mayflower," carried some 1,200 members of the Congregational Churches to America, where they were to visit the places where the Pilgrim Fathers landed and settled hundreds of years ago.

Some 500 relatives and friends gathered at the station to bid them farewell, and Euston for the moment seemed transformed into a place of carnival. Streamers were thrown over the train, and large quantities of confetti were showered on a happy couple who had just been married and were making the pilgrimage as part of their honeymoon. The trip was organised by the Congregational Union.

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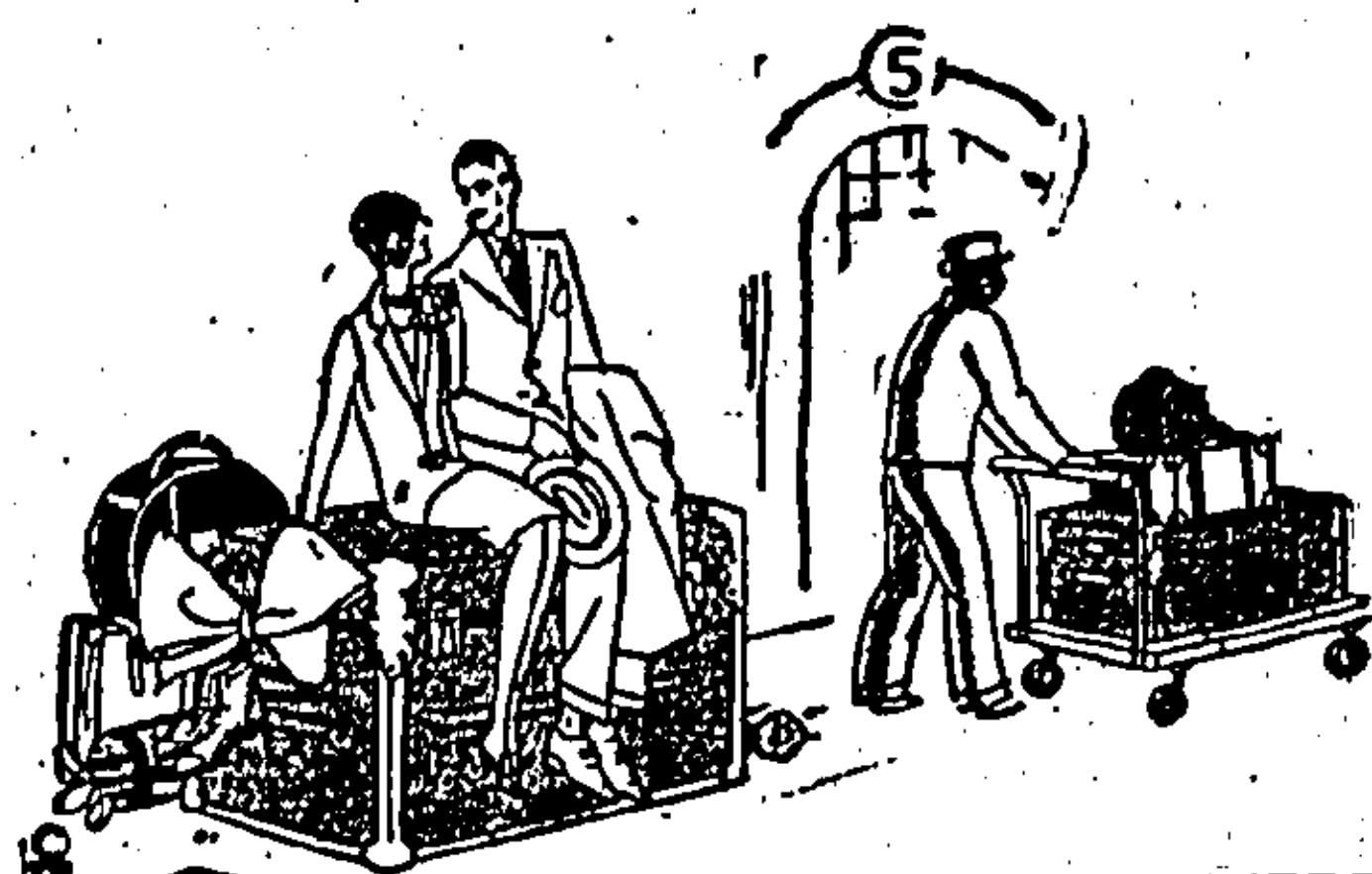
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AVIATION'S NEED.

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VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN.

[By Harry Harper.]

It has now been decided, after consultations between the bodies governing British aviation, to organise without delay a vigorous campaign to encourage towns and cities throughout the country to establish municipal aerodromes and alighting grounds. The need for such air-ports on a widespread scale is vital at the present time. Unless landing and refuelling facilities are to be found here, and everywhere, popular flying in this country cannot develop at the pace which is considered essential.

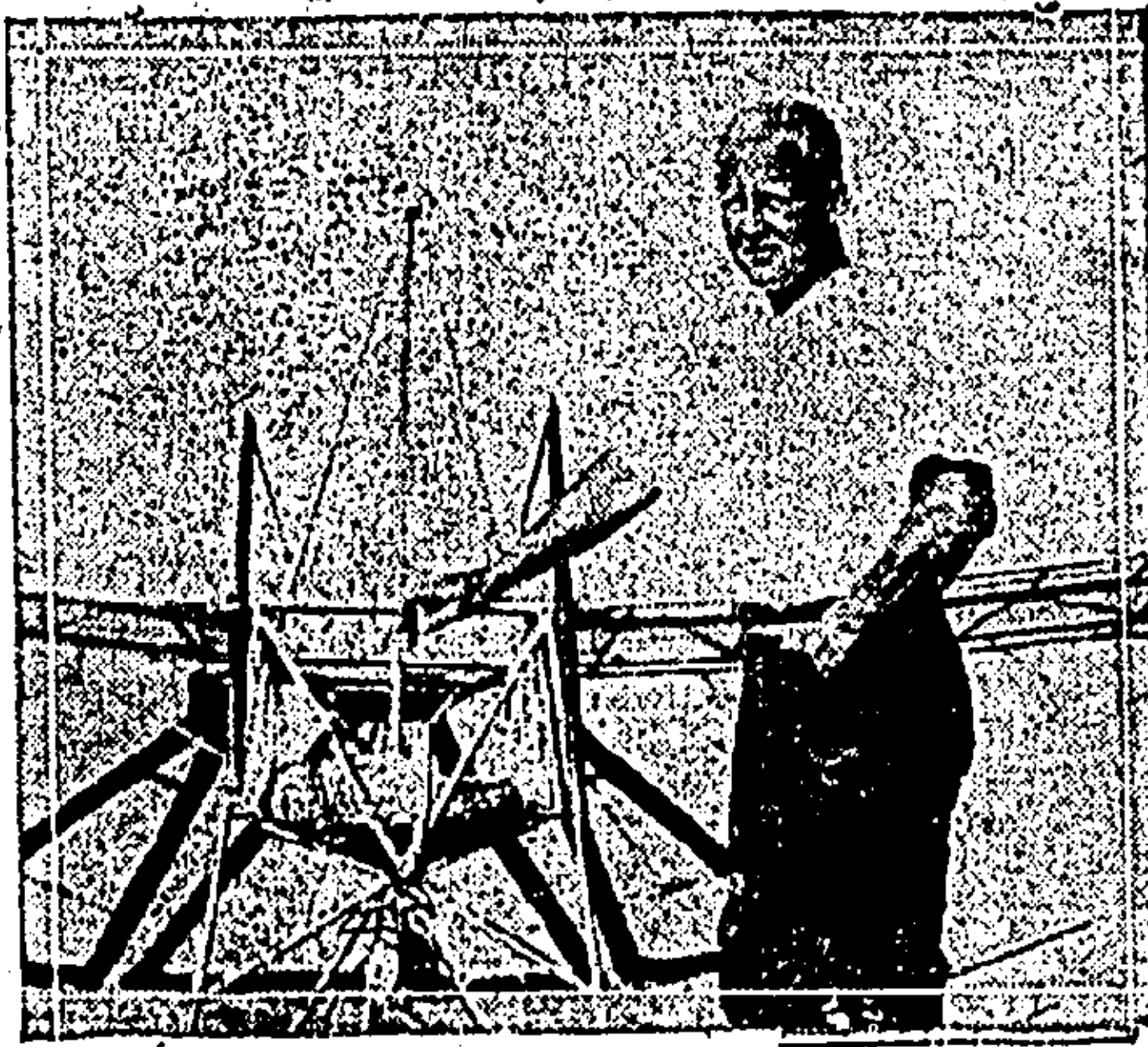
The Air Ministry, the Royal Aero Club, and the executives of provincial light aeroplane clubs are all working actively upon this national air-port scheme, and there have been private meetings lately with a view to unifying effort in various directions. It is considered that this summer, with the important developments it will bring in touring and pleasure flying, should afford an admirable opportunity for representing strongly to municipalities that the time has arrived to cater as seriously for aerial transport as for other and older means of travel. To-day, already, there are more than 3,000 members of British light aeroplane clubs while the number of private aeroplane owners in this country has reached a figure of approximately 100. Such figures are significant, particularly when it is remembered that the membership of the clubs is increasing rapidly, and that more and more people are now buying small touring "air cars."

FLYING GOLFERS.

Many of the portents have become most favourable for a more general provision of aerodromes and landing-fields. The other day, while engaged upon some inquiries in this direction, I was shown the plans of a palatial country club and field which are to be erected near a popular resort and one of the most interesting features of this scheme was a fine aeroplane alighting-ground, complete with sheds, petrol pumps, and repair depot, and with an arrangement also for flood-lights to facilitate night flying. Also another instance of this trend of development, there are now several golf clubs which are considering the allocation of a strip of land for the use of players who arrive in light aeroplanes, and that such a move is well justified may be gleaned from the fact that already, in the Royal Aero Club, a group of members have formed themselves into a little pioneer band of flying golfers, making it a rule to use aerial transport in fulfilling their engagements on the links rather than travel by road or rail.

AIR TAXIS.

Not only have we aerial traffic as represented by privately owned 'planes to be catered for regularly now, but there is a growing tendency among the public to charter swift air-taxi types of craft. It is to meet this latter demand, which has been developing very rapidly of late, that Imperial Airways have now opened a special private hire department, from which at a moment's notice one can engage either a 16-seater air liner or a four-passenger touring 'plane. That the rates for these private charters are already reasonable, having regard to the time saved, may be gathered from the fact that a taxi-plane carrying four people, in addition to the pilot, can now be hired for high-speed journeys at the rate of 2s. a mile. This works out at only 6d. a mile per passenger for a form of transport which waits one from point to point at 100 miles an hour, and which passes with the same facility over the sea as it does above the land. For individual passen-

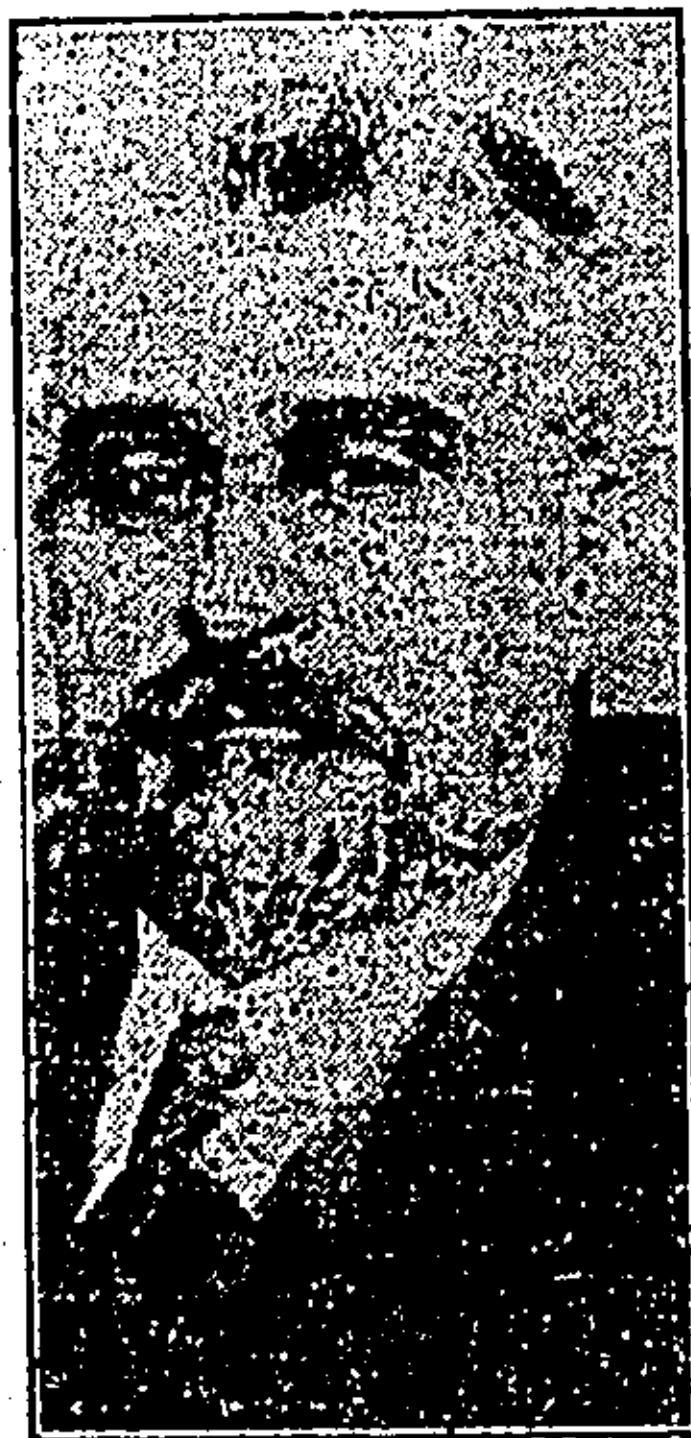


St. Augustine, Fla.—George R. White, of Stony Brook, L. I., former Army flying instructor, standing by his new ornithopter. Last September Mr. White made a secret flight of nearly a mile in his motorless, foot-power wing-flapping machine, and now, with his friend Hamilton M. Wright, Jr., intends to make a first public trial of a new and improved ornithopter, which weighs but 115 pounds. Its wings flap up and down a distance of 17 feet.

gers who wish to be accompanied by no one but their pilot there are neat 'little two-seater light 'plane "taxis," which can now be chartered at the rate of 9d. a mile. Perhaps one of the most striking aspects of progress in aerial private hire is the recent establishment of an enterprise which is to operate a fast night service of taxi-planes between London and Paris for the convenience of business men in haste. Such a scheme is now quite practical, having regard to the fact that the London-Paris airway has been illuminated for night flying.

GROWTH OF THE HABIT.

It is to cater for the growth of the "air-taxi" habit that Continental resorts are already providing "ranks," in the shape of conveniently placed alighting and parking



Premier V. Brătianu, of Rumania, whose cabinet and government has been threatened by the Peasant Party under the leadership of J. I. M. I.

spaces, where flying taxi-men can set down or pick up fares, and it is also an encouraging fact that similar landing grounds are proposed in town-planning scheme in this country, and that the Town Planning Institute is now keenly alive to the need for such aerial facilities. Equally promising is the fact that during the past few weeks attention has been drawn to not far short of a dozen projects, in all parts of the country to proceed on technically sound lines with permanent municipal air stations. In most cases, before drawing up final plans, local authorities are taking the wise step of consulting the Air Ministry, where expert officials are ready to give every assistance in their power. Naturally the main idea, is to choose a site which, while it is as near as possible to the heart of a city, comprises at the same time

with all requirements from the point of view of aerial navigation.

DEMAND AND SUPPLY.

Although one realises well enough that these are difficult times, and that money for any new enterprise—however worthy—is exceedingly hard to find, there is not the slightest doubt, but that the establishment of a municipal airport has now become a sound and thoroughly advantageous scheme. It forms an indication to the world at large that the town or city concerned is well abreast of the times, while it has also become perfectly clear, in the light of recent progress, that any municipality which does equip itself with an air-port will reap an immediate reward in respect of the aeroplane traffic which it will attract. One does not suggest that aerial tourists will begin to arrive in large numbers. It must be recognised that this new movement is still in its infancy. But what I can say personally, after discussions with many experts, is that aeroplane club members and private aircraft owners are now eagerly on the lookout for places to fly to during their week-end trips, and that they would pay tribute to the enterprise of any municipality which provided an air-port by making frequent visits to that aerodrome, and by doing everything in their power to encourage a regular use of the facilities afforded. Nor is it simply a question of catering for pleasure or touring traffic by air. Far from it. It is now evident, having regard to the growth of aeroplane traffic between England and the Continent, that there is urgent need for "feeder" air lines, operating between provincial centres and our new air-station at Croydon, and effecting regular connections with foreign departures. A network of such inter-connected inland air-lines has long been advocated, and now the time has arrived when, with the growth of private and air-taxi flying to augment scheduled services, there is the strongest argument in favour of a chain of municipal air-stations.

Aeroplanes for popular use are becoming cheaper and safer. A ready one can buy a two-seater touring aircraft for £600, while automatic stabilising and other devices are imparting such a security to flying that any person of average dexterity can handle one of these little machines with the amplest air-round safety. Add to this the sheer exhilaration of flying, and it becomes clear that we are on the threshold of developments in popular aviation which will render municipal aerodromes just as great a necessity as are all the other amenities of our strenuous modern life. —Glasgow Herald.

Gen. Chang Ting-fan, Mayor of Greater Shanghai, is said to be gravely concerned over the action of one of his former subordinates in trying to obtain \$10,000 in his name. It appears that this man, who served under Gen. Chang in the army, is at present without employment. Last week, he is alleged to have written a letter to the Bureau of Finance asking that \$10,000 should be handed over to the bearer, himself, immediately. This bore a signature similar to that of Gen. Chang, as well as a seal which purported to be that of the Mayor's. The Commissioner of Finance, who over-spotted the discrepancy and told the man to wait until he collected the money. Meanwhile, he went to see Gen. Chang, who disclaimed all knowledge of the affair, whereupon the man was arrested. The sister of the man in custody was later arrested but she pleaded ignorance of the matter.

The Minister of the Interior has decided upon the stamping of all documents with slogans such as "In order to save our country, everyone must refuse to buy enemy goods; all of us should buy Chinese products and try to promote Chinese industry."

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HOME MARATHON.

PAYNE WINS BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP.

RECORD TIME.

London, Yesterday. At Stamford Bridge, in the British Athletic Championships, the marathon from Windsor to Stamford Bridge, a distance of 26 miles 385 yards, was won by H. Payne (Woodford Green) in two hours 34 mins. 34 seconds, which is a British record.

CHESS CHAMPION.

AN INTERVIEW WITH ALEKHINE.

Scarborough, June 3. Alekhine, the chess champion, is giving a simultaneous display in the ballroom of the Pavilion Hotel. A horseshoe of twenty-five faces; a few, attached to serious devotees of the game, frown despondently at the foaming tide of white pieces urged upon them by Alekhine, but most of them wear the holiday smile. One beams continually above a clerical collar. Its owner has lost his queen, and is in a mating net—but what of it? Dr. Schubert from Prague hisses in his ear: "You must resign. It is mate in two." But why? he asks; he can take a pawn! Alekhine, a tall, big fair-haired man, strides round to the board, impatiently thrusting back the lock of hair that persists in falling over his eyes. He checks and moves his opponent's king the only way; then a queen comes down with a regular post-man's knock—no need for the word "mate." Madame Alekhine regards the execution approvingly through her lorgnette, from her chair of state at one end of the horseshoe. A roar of laughter goes up from the crowd, and Alekhine passes on to the next of the twenty-four victims. One lucky man has snatched a draw, after inducing the champion to play Black against his pet variation. Alekhine bows to applause, but before he can escape has himself to submit to an inquisition by an observer.

CHAMPIONSHIP RULES.

The absorbing subject of our talk was, naturally, the attempt of the Fide (International Chess Federation) to set up a Control Board of the world-championship. The main questions at issue are, whom shall the champion play? how often shall he play? how many games shall he play? and for how much shall he play? The Fide suggestions are, in effect: (1) The champion shall meet the winner of a tourney of the other great masters. (2) He shall defend his title periodically, say once in two years. (3) The number of games shall be limited—this, in view of the inordinate length of the Alekhine-Capablanca match. (4) The stakes shall be something like \$500 in all.

Alekhine, his laurels fresh upon him, feels that the Fide has been a little premature. Former chess champions have been despots, benevolent or otherwise. The pieces of the Capablanca match are hardly back in the box when the new monarch is asked to submit to a complete change of the constitution under which he won the throne. His views on the four points are:

(1) While he is ready to oppose any recognised master, the position is complicated by the existence of two former champions, Lasker and Capablanca, whose record and present reputation should give them prior claims. Moreover, he has promised the latter a return match, subject to unchanged terms. Until this has been carried out or definitely abandoned, others must wait.

(2) Alekhine has no objection here; in fact, he is prepared to accept a challenge after the middle of next December, and to defend his title within a year from that time.

IS CHESS EXHAUSTED?

(3) The large number of drawn games in the Alekhine-Capablanca match was perhaps due to a peculiar and personal relationship between the styles of the two experts; Capablanca's view that this feature is due to the exhaustion of chess knowledge is decidedly not proven, and unless succeeding matches reproduce it, Alekhine is not inclined to limit the number of games. He has rejected the exchampion's proposal of sixteen, made subsequent to the return match agreement, far too small a number for such an important struggle.

(4) This amount is not satisfactory, taking into account the much larger stakes of the last two matches for the championship. An unanswerable argument, says Alekhine, lies in the minimum figure fixed by the American Chess Federation, affiliated to the Fide, for the United States championship—\$5,000 dollars. This fact, convinces Alekhine that there should be no decrease in the 10,000 dollars stakes of the last match.

CHESS AND CLIMATE.

Prepared to meet the world under the above conditions, Alekhine nevertheless doubt if any other master than Capablanca or Lasker would, at present, obtain the necessary financial support. He adds with a smile, "I hope the match may be played in England, which I like so much—one reason is because I am always lucky here."

Coming to his defeat of Capablanca last winter at Buenos Aires, Alekhine states that the ex-champion played fully up to his reputation for the first ten games, and showed no signs of loss of form; in fact, his health throughout the match was excellent, whereas the challenger suffered a good deal with his teeth. The first game, lost by Capablanca, was more or less an accident and did not depress him. The great eleventh game, which Alekhine won by Queen and Rook combinations (curiously enough, a feature that recurred throughout the match) gave Capablanca a shock, but later victories restored his confidence, and it was not until the final stages that his iron never began to give way.

A word on Alekhine's compatriot, Vera Menchik, the girl who has held her own against the fine talent of the Premier Tourney at Scarborough. Alekhine says: "She is without doubt a phenomenon. Her victory over Yates will be historical."



Eric Krenz, star shot put champion of the Stanford University in California, whose records in this event have given him a place on the United States team, who will take part in the Olympics at Amsterdam, Holland, this summer. Krenz is A. V. champion and much is expected from him during his next three years at college. He also holds the record for the discus throw, having tossed the Greek platter over 154 feet and expects to better this mark.

LEAGUE TENNIS.

ANOTHER VICTORY FOR C.R.C.

Yesterday the C.R.C. defeated the K.C.C. by 77 games to 22. Scores:—

Chiu Tsun-chiu and Lau Man-kyong (C.R.C.)—
beat C. H. Atkins and K. A. Carstensen 8-3

beat A. E. Guest and A. W. Ramsay 9-2
beat Geo. Lee and J. F. Grose 10-1

Ma Wai-butt and Ip Kau (C.R.C.)—
beat C. H. Atkins and K. A. Carstensen 8-3

beat A. E. Guest and A. W. Ramsay 9-2
beat Geo. Lee and J. F. Grose 10-1

Cheng Chi-wing and Chow Wah-po (C.R.C.)—
beat C. H. Atkins and K. A. Carstensen 9-2
beat A. E. Guest and A. W. Ramsay 8-3
beat Geo. Lee and J. F. Grose 6-5

(Total: Chinese "A" 77, Kowloon 22.)

On Wednesday (the Hong Kong C.C. beat the University by 58 games to 41 in the First Division).

ELCHO SHIELD.

SCOTLAND WINS BISLEY SHOOT.

ENGLAND SECOND.

Bisley, Yesterday. The Elcho Challenge Shield competition resulted as follows:—
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ETON OARSMANSHIP.

NOW BACK TO NORMAL RACING.

BUMPING ABOLISHED.

The abolition of bumping races and the substitution of a race abreast has been recently carried out at Eton, and it is a step of which all supporters of Eton rowing approve. These House bumping races were started in 1902 to provide some form of activity on the river for boys who were not in the upper boats, as a counter-attraction to junior cricket. In this it succeeded, especially as it provided the additional interest of an inter-house competition. But, admirable as the principle may have been, it cannot be denied that to start bumping races on the Oxford and Cambridge pattern was a mistake, and this was realised at the time by Dr. Warre who opposed the idea, but in vain.

The objections to the bumping races are many. As races they fail to give a proper decision as to a boat's merit, for, not only does it limit the chances of winning the headship to a small proportion of competitors, but it also makes it necessary for a boat to gain over two lengths in order to effect a bump, whereas in an ordinary race a lead of a few feet is enough. The narrowness of the Cam and the Isis makes it impossible to row two boats abreast, but there is no such objection at Eton where it is possible to start three boats level at the same time.

STYLE AT A DISCOUNT.

But the evil lies deeper than this. The whole aim of a bumping race is for a boat to make its bump as quickly as possible, and consequently to get it off the mark as fast as possible. In the short Eton course two minutes was the average time in which a bump could be made, and boys could never be expected to learn to race when they were only rowing for so short a time. Furthermore, in a race as short as this, style becomes a matter of secondary importance, and four large boys' rowing badly and "poling" the boat along could catch a smaller four rowing well, whilst in a level race the latter would probably win. Again, it is impossible for each house to provide four evenly-matched oars, with the result that the four is apt to become "artificial" and one good oar may be pulled down by three bad ones. This leads to large, inefficient, oars, who are able to get the boat moving, being chosen to row; and the smaller boys who are made to row with them are consequently ruined before they have had time to learn a proper style.

The outcome of the adoption of bumping races of Eton was therefore a gradual decline of style. Boys arrived, never having rowed before, and learnt to bucket and to concentrate entirely upon speed for the first few minutes. By the time they reached the upper boats their faults were thoroughly ingrained in them, and it required long and patient coaching to eradicate them. The complete effect did not become apparent till after the War, for Eton won the Ladies' Plate in 1910, 1911, and 1912. Since then Eton has only won once, in 1921.

ABOLISHED.

This season has therefore seen the abolition of bumping races after they had run a career of twenty-five years. In their place has been substituted a race abreast for junior house fours, the crews for which are drawn from the best novices at the disposal of each house. In addition there will be a competition for boys under sixteen, also in fours. These, however, will aim at teaching the young wet-bob the necessity of style as well as the art of moving the boat along quickly, for style is the means of allowing the maximum application of work with the minimum expenditure of energy; and by giving crews a certain number of points for style, it is hoped that they will acquire this, remembering that they are being trained and coached for the good of their rowing four or five years hence. In addition, points will be awarded for their times over the competition course, for style without pace is inevitably useless. When, therefore, a boy comes to Eton and decides to take up rowing, he will not be made to row at once in a race that is certain to teach him bad style. He will first of all be taught the elements of style in company with boys of his own age and size; and on reaching his novice house four, he will be able to row with moderate efficiency.

PIRACY.

"FUNG FAT'S" CREW OVER-POWERED.

THE PIRATES SURPRISED.

A report reached Hong Kong last night to the effect that the s.s. "Fung Fat," plying between the Straits Settlements, Swatow, Amoy and Canton had been captured by pirates a few days ago, on her trip from Swatow.

The "Fung Fat," a Chinese-owned vessel of about 1,000 tons capacity way carrying 90 passengers and some cargo. The pirates boarded the vessel as passengers from Swatow. They overpowered the seamen on approaching Swatow, and ordered the captain to steer the ship to Ching Lan, in Heung Shan.

On reaching their destination, the pirates found the place being raided by soldiers. They managed to escape from the vessel which was then escorted to Canton.

STRAWBERRY SEASON.

First Despatches From Southern Hampshire.

The strawberry season in southern Hampshire is booming under the warm sunshine, and this weekend (says a home paper to hand), there was an indication of a bumper business as the season develops, for nearly six hundred baskets were despatched, mostly for London. It is expected that with the continuance of fine weather, between 3,000 and 4,000 baskets will be put on rail at Swanwick. The output from the district will increase daily, but the season will not reach its height for ten days or a fortnight.

As many as eight special strawberry trains will leave the district each day during the height of the season. In a normally good season, often well over 100,000 baskets are despatched in a day from Swanwick alone. The record number of baskets dealt with at Swanwick in one day was 150,039 in 1923. The picking has begun this season a few days earlier than was expected, as the sunshine of the last ten days has brought the fruit on rapidly.

The "Nagasaki Press" says:—Mr. A. Schmidt, on the staff of Messrs. Liebermann, Waackill & Co., of Kobe, is reported missing since the morning of June 22. He left Hankyu House, where he was living, for business as usual, and did not return. The police have been requested by the firm to look for him. He came to Kobe early this year and has been with the firm since then. He is a bachelor.

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RATHER A GIRL. MERE MAN RETAILS THE ADVANTAGES.

Assuming the place to be England and the time the present, the number of reasons why I would rather have been a girl is almost embarrassing, writes F. E. Bailey (Merely a Man) in the "Sunday Chronicle."

Girls in England are a sort of "corps d'élite," a petted and pampered class to whom everything is offered, and from whom hardly anything is expected.

The result is that they grow up to exercise an innocent tyranny which would be amusing if it were not rather tiresome, and, even if only moderately endowed by nature with looks, charm, and intelligence, to give themselves the airs of a Ninon de l'Enclos or a Cleopatra.

One of the many girlish luxuries which tempt me is the fact that a girl can defy, if she chooses, all rules and regulations—parental, social and legislative—because she never comes up against that ultimate argument of physical force which confronts the male from the cradle to the grave.

For some reason I am unable to explain it is not considered seemly to cane out-of-hand flappers.

Following this immunity from physical force, there is among girls none of that rough but honest mutual discipline which obtains among boys.

If in her adult years she chooses to defy authority, she cannot be dealt with by the police as the police deal with men. Those old enough to recall the days of suffragette demonstrators will remember how handicapped the police were in restraining infuriated women, merely because they were women. Had they been men no difficulty would have arisen.

AT MAN'S EXPENSE.

This liberty and licence would appeal to me very much.

Further, if I were a girl I should be able to dodge discomfort at the expense of the nearest man. If it were raining and I had no umbrella, a total stranger would hold his over me; if the bus or the tube or the train were full he would stand that I might sit; and if I had left my money at home, as happens to the best of us now and then, a man would pay my fare.

If my car punctured a tyre I would only need to sit on the running board looking forlorn, and some passing male motorist would stop and change the wheel while I waited, clean and unruffled, to say: "Thank you so much!" after he had finished his task.

Above all, the financial advantage of being a girl touches me very heart. No one goes out on the battler alone; it is customary for the sexes to eat forth for enjoyment and social relaxation in mixed pairs, and the man always pays, not only for himself but for the girl in the case. The girl never pays.

A frock or so and my racket or clubs being acquired, I should never need to spend another farthing beyond an odd tip to a cloak-room attendant. Possibly I might have to be kissed good-night, but that would hurt me no more than it hurt him, though nothing would induce me to admit the fact.

Some day, perhaps, if I had been born a girl, I should meet my Waterloo, and having taken all the circumstances of the case into consideration, consent to marry. Then, above all, my superiority over the feeble male would become manifest.

Incredible as it seems to a man, I should get through the business free, gratis, and for nothing. My father would buy my trousseau and my husband would provide a house, furniture, and all the rest of it. Being a British girl I need not, either by law or custom, bring one-half-penny into the common stock. If I were a French girl and had no dowry I could look forward to eternal spinsterhood, but we have assumed me to be British.

Safely married I should sit at home in my nice little modern labour-saving house, bungalow, or flat, while my poor slave went forth to labour for me, and house-keep with the greatest possible economy of effort.

No one would expect me to produce a large family, because the price of families is prohibitive. We might have one child, or two at the outside, and I should get it all over as soon as possible and be free to enjoy myself for the rest of my life. John would have to work a little harder in order to keep the child or children, but, after actual babyhood is over, the modern child with its modern clothes and upbringing does not give much trouble, because it is seldom ill or cross.

ALL MINE.

Custom and the law, which had looked after me so well in my single days would not neglect me as a wife and (perhaps) mother. I should still be immune from the argument of physical force. All my income, if I had one, would be mine, but my husband would be compelled to maintain me, and be responsible for my debts.

My husband would have to pay my income tax for me or go to prison, because in the eyes of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue my income would be his, though by law he would enjoy no control over it. I should have legal right to the equal guardianship of our infants (if any) and equal grounds of divorce.

On the other hand, I should not be liable to military service, or to be called upon by the police for assistance, but sooner or later—sooner if Mr. Baldwin can manage it—I should have a vote.

These, with certain others, legitimate and otherwise, are the reasons why I would rather have been born a girl. Can any man blame me, for certainly no girl would!

GUNMEN GANGS.

"EAR CHAWED OFF" FOR £3.

NEW YORK THUGS.

"The Gangs of New York." By Herbert Asbury. (Knopf, 18s.)

Mr. Asbury's account of the desperado gangs in New York and their methods will startle the British reader. It suggests a state of affairs quite unknown here, in which savage murderers and ferocious gunmen kill the public and one another with comparative impunity at their sweet fancy. The author's style is brief and business-like, thus:

Nigger Wallace came to grief when he tried to rob three men in a rowboat. Unfortunately for him they were detectives.

Old Flaherty affected long white whiskers and a benevolent smile, but he was one of the most cruel thugs in the Seventh Ward.

Mush Riley once gave an elaborate dinner to Dan Noble and other famous criminals, and served a Newfoundland dog as the pièce de résistance, a fact unknown to his guests until they had eaten heartily and praised the unusual flavour of the roast.

Piker Ryan appears to have been a thug of exceptional enterprise. When he was at length brought to book for one of his many crimes the police found this list in his pocket:

Punching 8s.
Both eyes blacked 16s.
Nose and jaw broke £2
Knocked out £3
Ear chawed off £3
Leg or arm broke £4
Shot in leg £5
Stab £5
Doing the big job (murder) £20 and up.

His fellow-gangsters regarded Dandy Johnny Dolan as something of a master mind because he had improved the technique of gouging out eyes; he is said to have invented an apparatus, made of copper and worn on the

(Continued on next Column.)

JUNGLE GENTLEMEN FILMING AN ELEPHANT CHARGE.

"Safari." By Martin Johnson. (Putnam, 21s.)

This volume gives a thrilling and intimate picture of the African jungle, and its many photographs of wild animal life are of quite exceptional interest.

On the shore of Lake Paradise a stretch of water in the crater of an extinct volcano 600 miles from Nairobi and from the nearest store, Mr. Johnson and his wife established their headquarters. Their purpose was to take still and motion pictures of elephants, rhinoceros, giraffes, and other big game as they came to drink at the few waterholes in an arid region. The book exhibits the jungle at very close quarters. Here is the account of a successful morning's work:

Eleven unconcerned lions were right out in plain sight, loafing around in the grass and panting with the heat. Some were asleep; one old male rolled over with his four paws in the air while we were there.

Slowly we approached, taking pictures as we went. It seemed impossible that the animals would continue to lie right out there in the open and neither charge nor retreat. But that is exactly what they did.

On one occasion a lioness approached four times within easy distance of the "blind" where the Johnsons were waiting with their camera with a recent "kill" near them. She retired each time frightened by the glare of a flashlight exposure, but overcame her nervousness sufficiently to return.

Photography, however, was seldom unattended by danger. Mr. Johnson brought down with his rifle the leader of a charging herd of elephants while Mrs. Johnson cranked the camera.

But it was not often that they were forced to kill their quarry, and when they did so it was in the very act of making moving pictures as he charged.

From one wh has seen so much of them Mr. Asbury's tribute to elephants as gentlemen of the jungle, of eve amper and unwilling to interfere with their neighbours, has a good deal of weight.

thumb, which performed this important office with neatness and despatch.

Monk Eastman sometimes went abroad on peaceful missions, with a cat under each arm, while several others trailed along in his wake.

Thus this killer of men was an unconscious imitator of Robespierre.

Commission to Kill.

Among the gallery of villains whom Mr. Asbury parades is Police-Lieut. Becker, of the New York Police, who made a fortune by taking bribes from gambling saloons. A crook, Rosenthal, threatened to give him away and actually supplied the authorities with evidence, whereupon Rosenthal was shot.

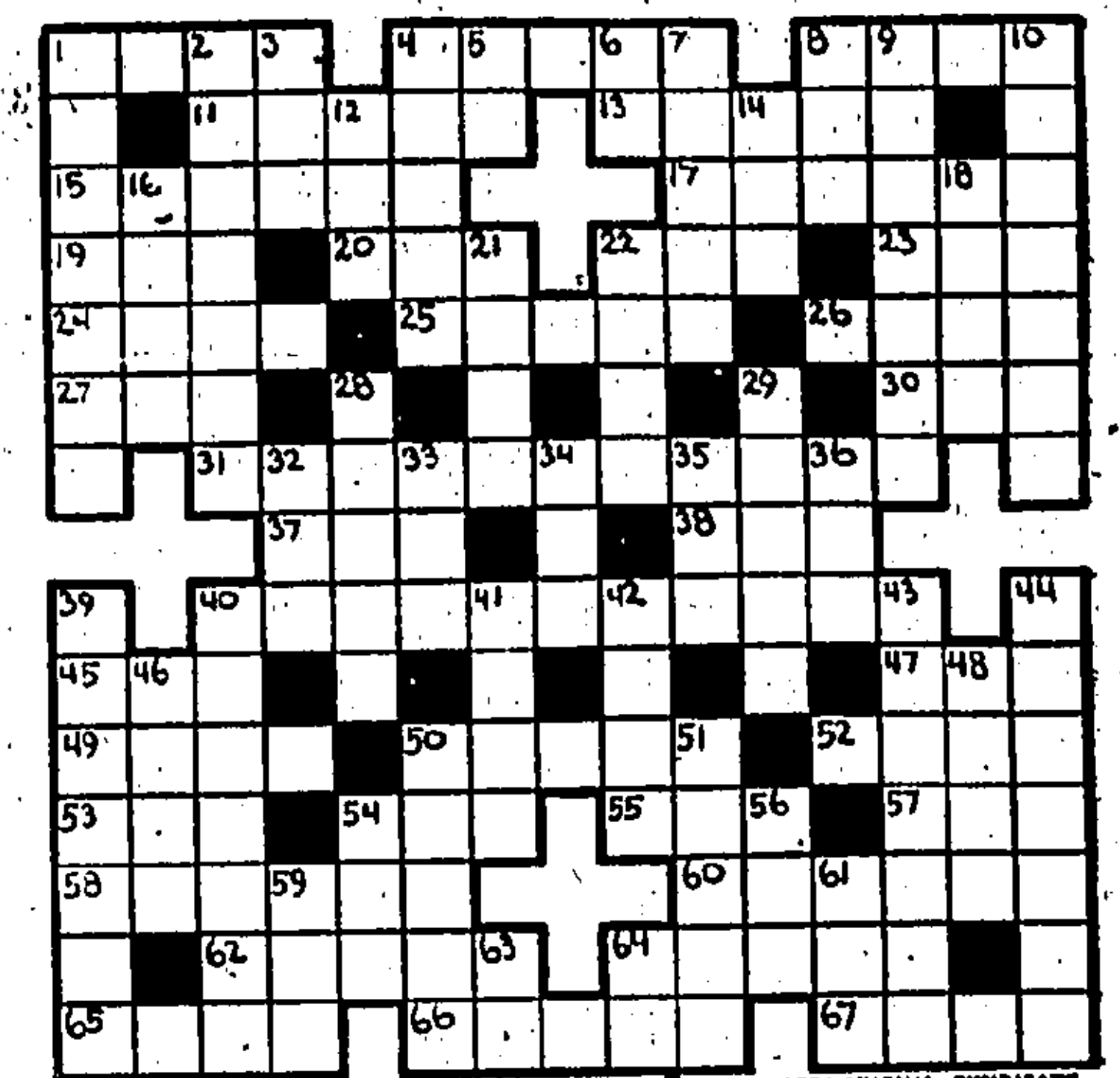
Big Jack Zelig was approached while under arrest, and as the price of freedom agreed to furnish gunmen to murder Rosenthal. He gave the commission to Gyp the Blood, Lefty Louie, Dago Frank, and Whitley Lewis.

They duly performed their task, and for it were afterwards executed, while Big Jack Zelig, who was going to denounce Becker and them, was killed by yet another thug. The sequel to the story is interesting.

Becker was electrocuted on July 30, 1915. His friends insisted that he had been jobbed, and when his body was prepared for burial his wife attached to the top of the coffin a silver plate with this inscription: "Charles Becker. Murdered July 30, 1915, by Governor Whitman." Mr. Asbury's lively pages are illustrated with hideous photographs of famous thugs.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-For fear that
- 4-Babylon
- 8-Passageway
- 11-Complete
- 13-Pertaining to an hour
- 15-A web-spinner
- 17-An old woman
- 19-Title of a knight
- 20-To plod (slang)
- 22-A cigarette (slang)
- 23-Metal-bearing rock
- 24-Unbleached
- 25-Atlantic seaport in Panama
- 26-The dye indigo
- 27-A town in S. W. France
- 30-A large lake in Central Ireland
- 31-Preparatory
- 37-Girl's name
- 38-A Japanese woman's sash
- 40-Final settlement
- 42-A part of the head
- 47-A doctrine or system
- 49-To grow spiritless
- 50-Pungent
- 52-A circular cloak
- 53-Light-beam
- 54-A diminutive sum
- 55-The set of the waves

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 57-Alcoholic liquor
- 58-One who is skilled in art
- 60-An island off N. W. France
- 62-See
- 64-A red or yellow earth used as a paint
- 65-No one
- 66-A road or way
- 67-Heated moderately

VERTICAL

- 1-French engineer who built the Suez canal
- 2-A metal strap for supporting a beam
- 3-A fox (England)
- 4-Pertaining to the weight of air
- 5-Man's name (short)
- 6-Interjection
- 7-A city in N. E. Utah
- 8-A son of Noah
- 9-A place where alms are dispensed
- 10-The stern of the Rhine
- 12-To spread for drying
- 14-To tease (slang)
- 15-A size of type
- 18-A Great Lake

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 21-A great desert, Central Asia
- 22-The plural of "focus"
- 23-Sententious
- 25-Distinctive garment of a religious order
- 32-King (French)
- 33-To ripple against, as waves
- 34-Prefix. Wrong
- 35-A negative
- 36-River (Spanish)
- 39-To forbear
- 40-An English poet laureate
- 41-One time
- 42-A bird sacred in ancient Egypt
- 43-A great American waterfall
- 44-A free fold of the peritoneum
- 46-Having wings
- 48-Twirl
- 50-A high place for sacrifices
- 51-The devil
- 54-To employ
- 56-A tree
- 58-To chill
- 61-To chop
- 63-Negative
- 64-Part of the Bible (abbr.)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

FOR HOUSEKEEPER.

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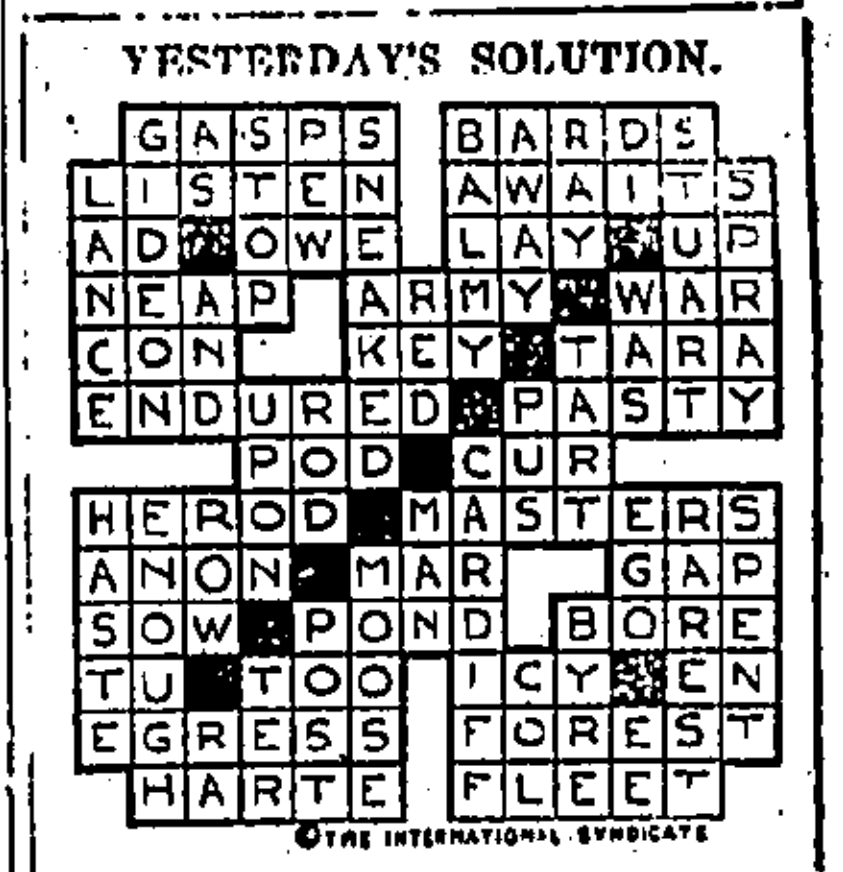
Col. Ralph Peacock, for many years managing director of Messrs. Beyer, Peacock and Co., Ltd., engineers and locomotive manufacturers, of Gorton, Manchester, who died aged 90, left £198,533.

He gives £12,000, certain furniture, a house known as The Chips, and certain fishing rights in the Hampshire Avon to his housekeeper, Mary Anna Jones, in recognition of her long and faithful service, directing also that she should be paid £3 per week while employed after his death in looking after his residence pending the sale thereof. £300 is left to his servant Edith Williams.

£500 For His Nurse.

Mr. Harry Seymour Munro, of Nantwich, Cheshire, farmer, who left £8,912, gives £500 and everything in his house to Nurse Margaret Healy for her care and attention to him.

London, June 13.—A child was killed and several were seriously injured owing to the collapse of a large part of the ceiling of Central Hall, Westminster, facing the Abbey. A mass of plaster fell from a height of 20 feet into a tightly-packed gathering of children, who were attending a Sunday School party. Screams and pitiful cries filled the building. Many children were rendered unconscious. The Central Hall is used for concerts and all kinds of meetings.



GRAMPUS NETTED.

DESTRUCTIVE MONSTER.

There was much excitement on Brighton beach recently when a mackerel trawling vessel was seen coming towards the shore with an unusual catch in tow. The fishermen thought they had netted a small whale, but their catch was afterwards stated to be a grampus. As soon as it was hauled on to the beach it was killed. It was nine feet long and two feet in width. The crew stated that the monster became entangled in their trawl and had caused considerable damage to the nets.

During the afternoon it was taken round the town on a truck and a collection was made to help pay for the damaged nets.

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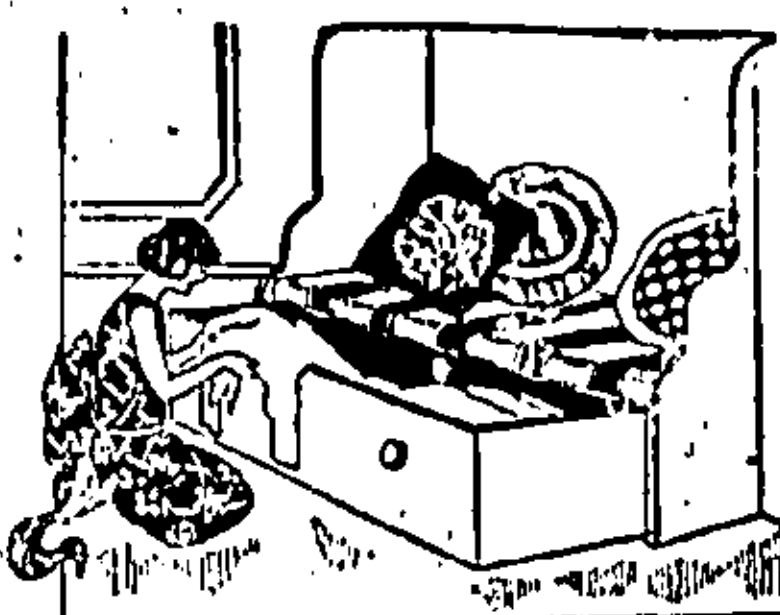
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This week's "Overland China Mail" describes Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's arrival at Peking, not so much as a conquering hero, but as a person who has fired the imagination of Chinese who have not seen him before. The events leading up to his journey to Peking are also recorded in the "Overland," together with reports of occurrences in all parts of China in the public eye.

Following the inquiry into the foundering of the British s.s. "Kochow," the Chinese s.s. "Lee On" sank. Reports are included in the "Overland," together with an exclusive photo of the "Kochow" salvage.

The "Overland China Mail" is the only ILLUSTRATED weekly summary of Hong Kong and China news.

Among the features of this week are reports of Independence Day observances, the arrest of a bobbed-hair girl Communist of 19, the discovery of an arms and dope cache on the hillside, and the latest Naval and Military movements in Hong Kong and China.

WHEN YOU GO ON LEAVE.

Hong Kong's spring exodus has begun. Are you going Home on leave this year? If you are, you will be surprised by the number of persons who will ask you about China and Hong Kong. You will be astonished at the number and type of silly questions put to you in all good faith. And you will have to admit reluctantly (if only to yourself) that you are not quite certain. Will you be believed, though? Keep in touch with Hong Kong and China by having the "Overland China Mail" sent to you for a stipulated period.

By spending a little time while you are on holiday, you can keep yourself well informed if you have the "Overland." The articles which you will seek are written to help non-Chinese to understand. In any case, you will not regret, from your own point of view, being posted with the main developments (reported in brief) while you are away.

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OCCASIONAL ROW.

M.P.'S GOLDEN WEDDING CONFESSION.

SIR HARRY AND LADY FOSTER.

"What people, having average character and individuality, could spend 12 months together without differences?" Sir Harry Foster, Conservative M.P. for Portsmouth Central, asked Lady Foster at their flat at Buckingham-gate, S.W.

"None could," replied Lady Foster. Sir Harry and Lady Foster were celebrating their golden wedding. Sir Harry said to a "Daily Mail" reporter:

Every one of our 50 years of married life has been a happy year, but in each there was something that would have prevented us from truthfully claiming the Dunmow Flitch. Call them differences, if you like, or disagreements.

We are not ashamed of them. One of the most boring persons to meet is he or she who always agrees. That habit of agreeing can grow from a little thing to a menace. It can destroy all character and individuality.

Not that I would disavow a fairly frequent use of the much-talked-about give-and-take policy. A mixture of that and their own opinion should help all except what I call flabby people to lead happy married lives.

Smilingly Lady Foster agreed. "After all," she said, "there is

COLONEL'S ROMANCE

AND WHY HE REMAINED A BACHELOR.

IN SPITE OF WEALTH & FAME.

Ascot.—Colonel Ralph Peacock, who died in his ninetieth year, leaving \$12,000 to his housekeeper, Miss Jones, had lived a lonely life at his house at Ascot.

Wealth came to him, but he never quite recovered from a shattered romance of his youth.

Colonel Peacock was known to three generations of railway engineers. Seventy-four years ago, when railways were growing from their infancy, his father, then only 18, but already superintendent of the Leeds and Selby line, visioned what was to come, and with a friend, Mr. Beyer, built a locomotive work at Gordon, Manchester.

Love at First Sight. They became famous, and when young Ralph Peacock left school his father set him to work through the engine-shops to learn for himself every corner of the great works he was eventually to control.

At the end of his apprenticeship, when he was 22, his father sent him to Paris to study French business methods. Paris was gay after the triumph of the Crimea, and the young Englishman was very welcome at the great houses of the capital.

He had letters of introduction everywhere. He had met many people before his introduction to the daughter of a high family of Paris; they fell in love at sight.

There was no obstacle to their troth; both families approved, and the wedding was arranged. The trousseau was being prepared when the girl died.

Colonel Peacock never married.

X-RAY DETECTIVE.

A NEW DEVICE AGAINST SMUGGLERS.

A new terror for drug traffickers and other smugglers was suggested to a reporter at the new electrical clinic which has been opened in Baker-street. For the first time in Britain, it is said, a new stereoscopic X-ray apparatus from Germany has been installed which will show exactly what is in a box full of goods, or any article lodged in a human body.

Packages of anything made of wood could be X-rayed, thus saving Customs officers unpacking them, said Mr. A. T. K. Mohr, who revealed coins in a wooden box, the sides of which were an inch thick.

The Maharajah, of Burdwan, who watched the demonstration, said that the apparatus would be of immense value in hospitals where the involved process of taking photographs would be eliminated and everything done in about two minutes.

Sir Bruce Bruce-Porter said that there was need for such installations throughout the country. Every big town needed a similar clinic.

AMERICA'S STAKE.

"Of Chinese Government bonds and other securities American investors hold approximately \$20,000,000 worth. Of railway bonds and similar securities about \$18,000,000 is held in the United States. American manufacturers have extended long-term credits to Chinese enterprises and the amount of these outstanding is another \$10,000,000. Banks, trading concerns and others have an investment in lands, buildings and equipment in China running close to \$30,000,000. There is therefore a total of some \$70,000,000 of American money in business investments in China."

"This is exclusive of another sum that has been invested by another American interest in China. It is difficult to get reliable figures on the amount of money that is now represented in the missions, hospitals, schools and other religious, social, charitable, and cultural activities of American organizations in China. But the sum total would run close to the \$70,000,000 of American business if it did not exceed it. This money, which has been contributed by thousands of people all over the United States, has a grip on the imagination of the American people far greater than many times the amount invested in business ventures could have. It has also a strong hold upon the imagination of the Chinese. And the amount devoted to eleemosynary purposes grows every year with little regard for the ups and downs of Chinese commerce or Chinese politics." — Henry K. Tredge Norton in his "China and the Powers."

ago figured in a romantic affair when he arranged to marry Mrs. Trewatha Surle, an attractive South African widow, but the marriage was stopped by the Registrar-General, as the earl was not of age.

COURT CURTSYING.

SEVEN AMERICAN GIRLS AT DUCKINGHAM.

QUEEN MARY'S SMILE.

Seven American girls—one of them was rather older but just as excited as the rest—went to tea with Mrs. Houghton, wife of the American Ambassador, in London. But they spent most of tea-time practising curtsies.

Ruth Draper, the actress, had come straight from the theatre, Lois Davidson, the soprano singer, from her debut concert at the Wigmore Hall. They were all presented at the Court a few days later.

And one afternoon they went again to Mrs. Houghton's house for tea—the jolliest tea-party in London, with only one topic for conversation—the Court presentation.

"I didn't see the others there, at the Court," said Miss Davidson to an "Evening Standard" representative. "Perhaps I was too busy gazing."

When I went in and sat down waiting for my turn, I was surely dazzled. I never saw anything like that in America—all those fine-looking men in all sorts of costume. Do you know, I'd expected them just to be in "tails."

And then in we went, across the chamber where the King and Queen were sitting, out by a far door, and then back again.

The Queen smiled at everyone as they went past. Slowly it came my turn. I curtsied, and the



Ex-Crown Prince Carol, of Rumania, heir to the throne of that country, but who renounced his rights a few years ago, will undoubtedly return to Rumania and become the ruler if the demands of the Peasant Party, who want the Premier and cabinet ousted, are adhered to. Carol declares that he is ready to return.

Queen smiled at me and the King inclined his head to my salutations. Miss Davidson concluded: "I'll say it was all marvellous."

AS SLAVES.

GREEK PRISONERS CAPTURED IN 1922.

Athens. — A great sensation has been created here by the statement of a fugitive soldier that 1,500 Greeks are living as prisoners of war in Asia Minor, where they were sold as slaves to Mohammedan chiefs.

The soldier, Dimitri Athanasopoulos, belonged to the 1st Battalion, Machine Gun Corps of the 36th Regiment, 14th Division, which was captured by Mustapha Kemal's army in August 1922 and for nearly six years, it is alleged, those who have survived have been slaves.

Women Carried Off.

"I belonged," said Athanasopoulos, "to the convoy which included 1,000 soldiers and about 100 Christian families. Most of my comrades were murdered or mutilated. The young women were carried off, and most of the older women and children died. The male survivors were transferred to Adana and then to Aleppo, where they were sold to Turkish proprietors as labourers. Athanasopoulos, with six others, escaped and thanks to the assistance of the captain of an American sailing ship, landed in the Piræus. The men were in a terrible condition. They gave a list of their comrades who are still in slavery contrary to all treaties.

M. Mihalacopoulos, Minister of Foreign Affairs, will be questioned concerning the matter as soon as Parliament meets again. Aleppo, which is now in the French mandated territory of Syria, came under French rule in 1923, nearly a year after the incident described above is alleged to have taken place.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	SATURDAY, JULY 7.	Per
Shanghai and Swatow		Sunning
U.S.A., Canada, Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia		President Jefferson
Australia and Manila		Arafura
Manila		President McKinley
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai		Empress of Asia
Straits		Talma
Shanghai		Linan
Australia and Manila		Taiiping
Straits		Hosang

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	SATURDAY, JULY 7.	Per
Sandakan		Mausang 1.30 p.m.
Straits		Sui Sang 1.30 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane, 24th July. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.		Burma Maru 2 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow		Hai Ching 2.30 p.m.
Formosa		Batavia Maru 4.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard		Wing Wo 5 p.m.
Amoy		Anhui 5 p.m.
Bangkok		Apocoy 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, L. Marques, E. & S. Africa		Panama Maru 5 p.m.
Hoihow		Soon Ann 5 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow		Kaying 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa		Kishu Maru 9 a.m.
Manila		Pres. Jefferson 9 a.m.
Swatow		Hydrangea 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia. Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 6 p.m.		President McKinley
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 30th July. Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 6 p.m.		President McKinley
Amoy		Sun Ning 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow		Hai Hong 2 p.m.

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MRS. PACE ACQUITTED AT LAST.

REMARKABLE TRIAL.

CHEERS FOR PRISONER, JUDGE AND JURY.

EMOTIONAL SCENES.

London, Yesterday. A criminal trial, which was characterized throughout by emotional scenes rare in the history of English jurisprudence, had a remarkable ending to-day (the fifth day of the hearing) when Mr. Justice Horridge, without calling evidence for the defence, directed the jury to return a verdict of "Not Guilty."

The prisoner, Mrs. Pace, aged 36, was thus acquitted of the charge of poisoning her husband by administering arsenic. He was a sheep farmer of Coleford, Forest of Dean.

She was arrested on May 22 following the Coroner's verdict after an inquest lasting for months and adjourned 14 times.

Popular sympathy throughout was with her and Mr. Purcell, M.P., raised a Defence Fund, which quickly reached £1,300.

Crowds outside the Court cheered her daily throughout the trial and hooted the deceased husband's relatives.

These demonstrations culminated in an extraordinary scene after the verdict, the multitude hurrahing for the prisoner, judge and jury.

Reuter.

WIRELESS & CABLE.

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE & A COMMON POLICY.

FINAL MEETING.

London, Yesterday. The Imperial Wireless and Cable Conference, representing Great Britain, the Dominions, India and the Colonies, which has been considering the situation that arose as the result of the competition between Beam Wireless with the Cable Services, will make recommendations with a view to the adoption of a common policy.

The Governments concerned held a final meeting and unanimously approved and signed the report which is secret until the Governments concerned authorise the publication.—Reuter.

ITALIAN FLIGHT.

ENCOUNTER BAD WEATHER.

Rio de Janeiro, July 5. Captain Ferrarin after landing at Point Genipabu, took off again, heading for Rio.

Forced Down.

Later. Ferrarin and Delprete landed at Touro, fifty miles north of Sen-tabu, and were forced to return owing to bad weather. By Motor and Plane. Pernambuco, Yesterday. Ferrarin and Delprete proceeded by motor-car from Touro to Port Natal, from whence they concluded their journey by mail aeroplane to Rio.—Reuter's American Service.

FLYING BY NIGHT.

JAPANESE PLANE PLUNGES INTO SEA.

AIRMEN MISSING.

Tokyo, Yesterday. A Navy Office bulletin states that, while night flying yesterday evening, a seaplane plunged into the sea off the Naval base of Yokosuka. A lieutenant and two others are missing, while two petty officers are seriously injured and two were rescued unhurt.—Reuter.

DONETZ TRIAL.

THE GERMAN PRISONERS.

Berlin, Yesterday. As a result of the Donetz trial in Moscow, the German, Badstieber, was nominally sentenced to a year's jail but has been actually released because of his evidence as a Crown witness. He was the only German convicted out of the five originally arrested. Two were released early in the proceedings with others. Meyer and Otto were acquitted.—Reuter.

THE P. & O. BANK'S SHARES.

ANNUAL MEETING.

CHARTERED BANK'S OFFER TO BUY A BLOCK.

208,601 SHARES SOLD.

London, Yesterday. Presiding at the general meeting of the P. and O. Banking Corporation, which agreed to a dividend of 5 per cent, the Deputy Chairman, Mr. Preston, who presided, referred to Lord Inchcape's private circular to shareholders last October submitting an offer from the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China to purchase a block of P. and O. shares on specified conditions. Mr. Preston stated that the holders had availed themselves of the opportunity to the extent of 208,601 shares.—Reuter.

NEW AIR SERVICES.

KWANGTUNG, KWANGSI AND HONG KONG.

\$200,000 COMPANY PROJECTED.

Canton, Yesterday. Mention was made some time ago that interested parties were discussing the possibilities and benefits of organising a commercial aeroplane service to link up the principal cities of Kwangtung and Kwangsi, since then matters have progressed a step further and the promoters are now visualising air services that will reach out to all the principal cities of China and even connect up with near-by countries, Siam, Singapore, and Philippines. Members of the Canton Chamber of Commerce are keenly interested in this project. At a recent meet-

FAIR WEATHER.

S. W. winds, moderate, fair, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

ing four members of the Executive Board of the Chamber were appointed to draw up regulations for the formation of a company for this undertaking. The premises of the Chamber of Commerce are being used as the temporary offices. Four Calls.

The capital of the company is tentatively set at \$200,000, made up of 10,000 shares of \$20, each. Shares will be paid for in four instalments, with three months interval between each call. Assuming the full share issue is subscribed—the enthusiasm shown promises that the shares will be oversubscribed—each call will bring in \$50,000.

It is proposed to purchase two 'planes first, to serve cities in Kwangtung. The projected service will cover Fatsan, Chanchuen, Yungkee, Kongmoon, Talleung, Sheklung, Shekkl, Salmam, Kung-yick, Dikhol, Shuhing, Shikuan, Pakhoi, Hoihow, Swatow and other centres.

Hong Kong in 2nd Route.

The second route, to be started when the second call on shares is received, will serve Hong Kong, Macao, Kwangchauwan, Amoy, Shanghai, Nanning and Wuchow. The third route, to be inaugurated when funds are available from the third call on shares, will cover Nanking, Hankow, Changsha, Wuhu, Chinkiang, Tientsin, Tsingtao, Newchwang, Yingkow and other northern ports.

A fourth route is planned to communicate with more distant ports, such as those in Siam, French Indo-China, the Philippines and Singapore.—"Canton Gazette."

RAID REHEARSAL.

OSAKA IN DARKNESS ON SOUND OF THE SYREN.

MILITARY BALLOONS.

Osaka, Yesterday. The city's 2,000,000 inhabitants have been taking part in a rehearsal of a defence against air raids with anti-aircraft guns, anti-phosphor searchlights and balloons placed strategically. On the sounding of a siren at signal last night, millions of lights in the city and suburbs were put out or covered up, and

THE COMMONS AND THE "TOTE."

DRASTIC HANDLING.

LABOUR PARTY'S MOTION DEFEATED.

THE BILL DEAD.

London, Yesterday. After drastic modification, the Totalisator Bill has reached the report stage.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald announced that the Labour Party would oppose the remaining stages and asked the Speaker to rule out the measure on account of fundamental alterations. He declared that the Bill now made the State directly responsible for the machinery established whereas in the original Bill there was nothing to make the State a partner in the betting.

The Speaker ruled that the Bill retained the original skeleton, and that it had since been clothed in flesh and blood.

Sir Wm. Joynson Hicks was of opinion that it was only fair to the House in respect of the work of its own committee to allow the Bill to proceed.

The Labour motion to recommit the Bill was defeated by 144 votes to 104.

Nevertheless, owing to the congested programme and the opposition evinced it is very doubtful whether the Government will grant further facilities to discuss the Bill, which is generally regarded as dead.—Reuter.

ARCTIC DARING.

NOBLE'S RESCUER SAVED AFTER 12 DAYS.

ON AN ICE FLOE.

Stockholm, Yesterday. The Swedish expedition has rescued Captain Lundborg, the airman who performed the daring rescue of the "Italia's" leader, General Noble. After this feat Captain Lundborg made a second attempt to rescue the remaining members of the party, but his machine overturned and was damaged in his risky attempt to land upon the ice floe. It was then thought that Captain Lundborg was marooned on the floe for at least a month, but he is fortunate enough to have been rescued within 12 days.

No mention is made as to whether other members of the party have been saved.—Reuter.

SALT GABELLE.

NANKING GOVERNMENT'S OBLIGATIONS.

Peking, Yesterday. Feng Yu-hsiang (the "Christian General") arrived at Peking early this morning and motored immediately to the P. Yun Temple at the Western Hills, where he participated, with General Yen Hsi-shan, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and others in a memorial service before Sun Yat-sen's remains.

Chiang Kai-shek took the lead in the memorial service. This was attended by all the leaders now in the north who, after the funeral dirge, laid wreaths in front of the casket, after which Chiang Kai-shek read a special address, eulogising Dr. Sun Yat-sen and informing his spirit of the success of the campaign. A table with the usual offerings of food was placed before the remains.

During the ceremony there was a touching scene when Chiang Kai-shek broke down and threw himself before the casket, sobbing bitterly. Feng Yu-hsiang eventually took him by the arm and raised him, and led him aside. After the ceremony Feng Yu-hsiang and Chiang Kai-shek conversed for two hours.—Reuter.

the town was completely plunged in darkness.

After an interval the radio broadcasted an announcement that all was well and the raiders had gone, and the town reappeared in renewed brilliancy.

Military leaders, the Imperial Princes, and aeronautic experts observed the rehearsal from balloons and other vantage points, and pronounced it entirely satisfactory. Other forms of aerial defence are being carried out for several days.—Reuter.

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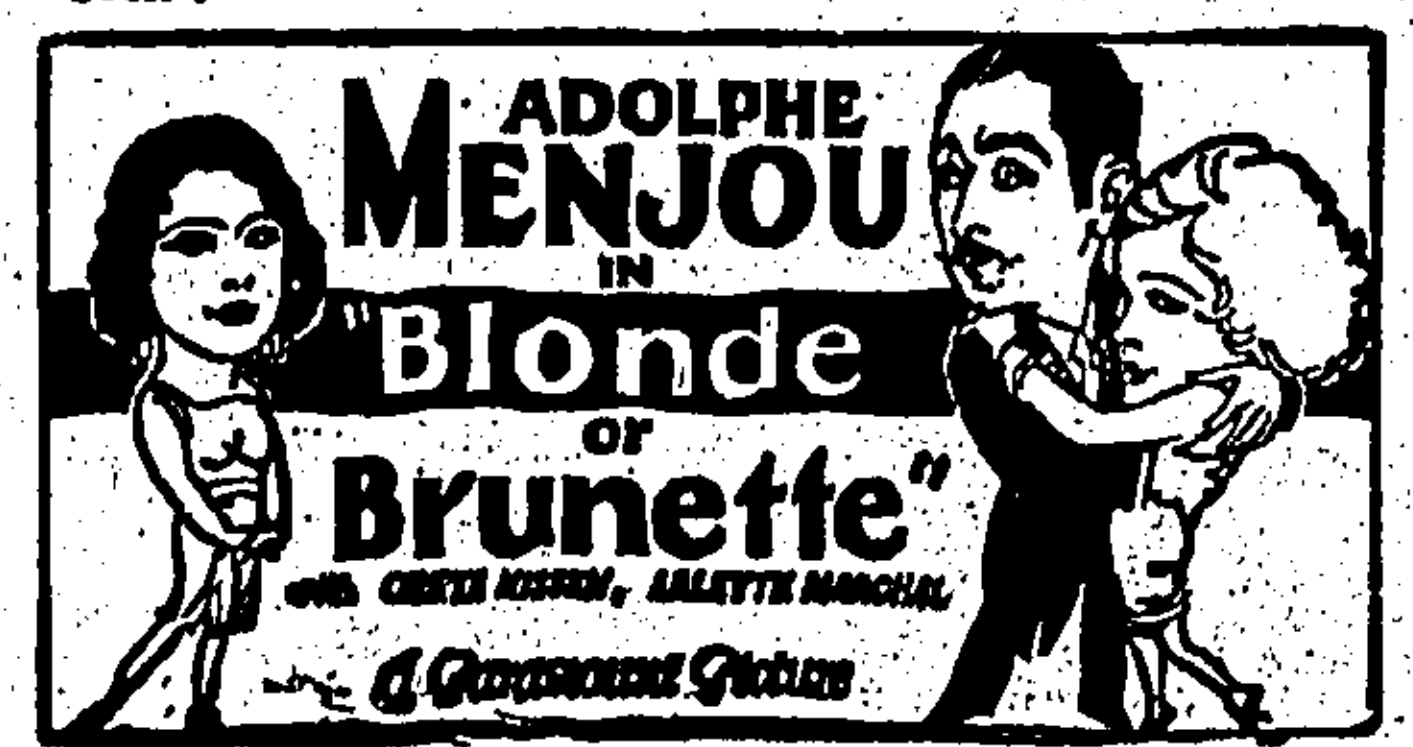
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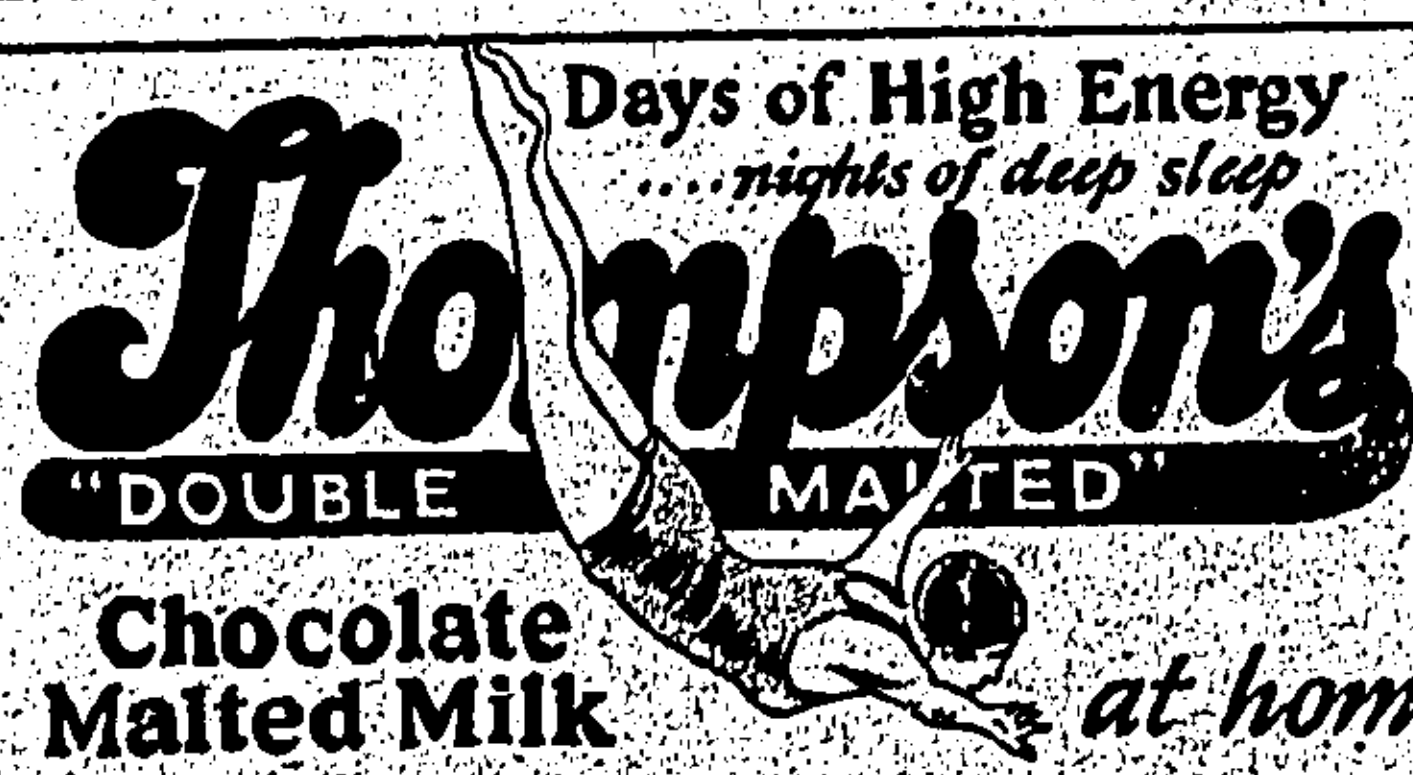
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